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Wilmington and Tewksbury respond as SNAP benefit cuts leave residents searching for support

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — As the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) faces ongoing funding reductions, local organizations in Tewksbury and Wilmington are stepping up to make sure no resident goes hungry.

The cuts, only partially restored as of Monday, have left many households uncertain about how to make ends meet. In Tewksbury alone, 1,384 households — representing 2,085 individuals — rely on SNAP benefits. In neighboring Wilmington, another 733 households support 1,171 residents through the program.

Those numbers are expected to rise as federal workers who are not being paid are added to those seeking temporary food assistance.

The Tewksbury Community Pantry has seen a sharp uptick in calls — more than 20 in just three days. Much of the confusion stems from misinformation circulating on social media, where some posts have incorrectly stated that the pantry is open to all.

“The pantry serves Tewksbury residents only,” a volunteer clarified. “If someone in town needs food assistance, they should fill out an application and bring it to our next distribution on Sunday, Nov. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 999 Whipple Road. They can receive food the same day.”

Resources are available for residents of other communities through state hotlines.

The Tewksbury pantry accepts non-perishable food donations at several locations across town, including both Market Bas-



▲ Donations of shelf-stable food is being accepted at the Tewksbury Pantry and several locations in the community. Pantry volunteers suggest donating complementary items to make a meal such as taco shells, refried beans, and salsa, rice and beans, or pancake mix and syrup.

ket stores, the Senior Center, library, Schlott Tire, and two 24/7 bins outside the pantry's overhead door. High-need items include meal-building staples such as taco shells, salsa, beans, pasta, and pasta sauce. Monetary donations can also be made via PayPal or dropped off in the pantry's secure mail slot.

The pantry receives regular food shipments through the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assis-

tance Program (MEFAP) and the USDA, distributed locally by the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

“We’ve handled crises before,” staff said referencing challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. “This is just another opportunity to make sure no one in our community goes hungry.”

For current SNAP recipients, officials emphasize that any remaining balance on an EBT card will continue to work as usual

through November. Once federal funding resumes, full benefits will be added retroactively, though it is not clear when.

Residents should keep their SNAP cases active by completing any required reports or recertifications on time. New applications can still be submitted through www.DTAConnect.com, and benefits will be backdated to the date of application once funds are available.

A non-zero balance is es-

pecially important for those using the Massachusetts Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), which provides rebates for fruits and vegetables purchased at local farms and markets.

To access HIP, your EBT card must have at least one penny (\$0.01) of regular SNAP benefits at the time of purchase. A \$0.00 balance means HIP benefits cannot be used until more SNAP funds are added.

Monthly HIP benefit levels are:

- \$40 for households of 1-2 people
- \$60 for households of 3-5
- \$80 for households of 6 or more

HIP can be used at participating farmers' markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs. Residents can use the HIP Finder Tool

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Massachusetts Veterans Legacy Trail site launches

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY — Just in time for the recognition of this year's upcoming Veterans Day, the Healy-Driscoll administration announced the launch of the Massachusetts Veterans Legacy Trail as part of the Massachusetts 250th Anniversary celebration (MA250).

This program is a new and innovative project that collaborates an online, searchable map of more than 1,200 memorials in cities and towns across the state with a user-friendly brochure.

The website allows users to search memorial sites by such topics as regions, war era, medal of honor, women veterans history, or community. All of these topics, and more, can be

found on an easy to read map of the state.

Even local memorials, such as Wilmington's Fallen Heroes Memorial and Company of Minutemen Revolutionary War Memorial, or Tewksbury's War Memorial for those who served during WWI and WWII, can all be found on the Legacy Trail.

Each veteran site entry includes location information, photos and historical content.

A Veterans Legacy Trail Brochure is also available from this website, and compliments the digital information provided on the Veterans Legacy Trail website.

The purpose of the brochure is to provide user-friendly information to help visitors explore the landmarks that define Massachusetts military history.

“Massachusetts has always been at the heart of America's story,” said Governor Maura Healey. “With the Veterans Legacy Trail, we're connecting Massachusetts residents and visitors alike with the sacrifices of



▲ Tewksbury Veterans Services Department and iPods for Wounded Veterans honored and recognized Tewksbury veterans at the Tewksbury Senior Center on Saturday, Oct. 25.

iPods for Wounded Veterans benefit Tewksbury veterans

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, Wilmington 501c3 non-profit organization iPods for Wounded Veterans (IFWV) held an event at the Tewksbury Senior Center to benefit Tewksbury veterans. The event was hosted by Tewksbury Veterans Services.

Tewksbury Director of Veterans' Services Lisa Downey told the *Town Crier* that the event came together out of a conversation between herself and iPods for Wounded Veterans Chairman Paul Cardello at the Wilmington Veterans Services Summer barbecue.

She said that her team including Heather Barnard, Diane Joy, Donna Al-

len, and herself, organized, planned, outreached, and hosted the event, and other volunteers helped decorate and serve food on the day.

Cardello shared that over 40 veterans who fought in Afghanistan, Iraq, Desert Storm, Korea, and Vietnam attended the event that Saturday. Along with the Tewksbury veterans and members of the Veterans

Services Department, iPods volunteers and veterans John Parker, Wayne Fox, and Keith Black attended the event.

They were also joined by student volunteers from Austin Preparatory School and Wilmington High School.

The features of the event that day included a free

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Wilmington Library News:

Join the library for a tour of the New England Quilt Museum on Nov. 15

Library Closure: The library will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Wednesday, November 12, 2pm

Thursday, November 13, 2pm

Saturday, November 15, 2pm

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, November 10, 6-8pm

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Ebooks, Libby and Kindle

Monday, November 10, 7pm

Come join technology librarian, Brad to learn how to use the Libby app and a Kindle to read eBooks.

Craft & Chat

Wednesday, November 12, 6pm

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. This month's craft: Snow Flower Fairy. All craft supplies will be provided.

Fun & Function of iPhone

Thursday, November 13, 2:30pm

Whether you're new to the iPhone or looking to unlock its hidden potential, this session will cover essential tips, tricks, and features to make your device both practical and enjoyable.

Virtual:

Let's Talk Hawks with Sovereign Science

Thursday, November 13, 7pm

Sovereign Science is an international Indigenous think tank, working on environmental and political sciences. SovSci recently petitioned the state of Massachusetts, with an Indigenous Impact statement to demand attention, research and consultation around rodenticide and the impact on migratory birds. This presentation and interactive dialogue will explore the process behind the MDAR impact statement, traditional ecological knowledge and spirituality, as well as the role of global advocacy.

Needleworkers

Friday, November 14, 10am-12pm

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Field Trip:

New England Quilt Museum
Saturday, November 15,

10am

Join us for a tour at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA! NEQM uses quilts and the stories of quilting — a rich legacy of artistic expression and historical documentation from the earliest days of this country to the present — to educate and inspire quilters and the public. Please note: We will be meeting at the museum at 18 Shattuck Street in Lowell, MA, not at the library.

Youth Programs

Bilingual Story Hour

Monday, November 10, 10am

Practice using your home language or learn a new language with the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network! Ages 0-6.

Time for Twos

Wednesday, November 12, 10am

Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Virtual:

Playful Pathways — Parent Book Club

Wednesday, November 12, 7pm

Join this once-a-month book club for busy parents and read one book at a time over the course of a few months! Our next read is *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Because this event will be held via Zoom, children are welcome to be in attendance. Recommended

for parents and caregivers of children of all ages.

Baby Time

Thursday, November 13, 10am

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon

Thursday, November 13, 3:45

Make a fun craft with us during Crafternoon! Grades 4-8

Music with Dara

Friday, November 14, 10am

With keyboard, felt board, and finger puppets, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites) and creative movement for a fun-filled musical program! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

Teen Leadership Council
Friday, November 14, 3pm

Are you interested in advocating for what you want at WML? Have you volunteered before, but want to commit to more? Join our Teen Leadership Council! Grades 7-12

Music and More with Miss Bernadette

Saturday, November 15, 9:30am

Join Early Childhood Educator Bernadette Baird for singing, dancing, instrument play and storytime in this fun and relaxing family event! Ages 0-4

Additional Information

Happening Now: Fleece Fest Collection!

Grown out of your winter coat? Donate it to the library's winter coat drive to help it find a new home! Bring lightly worn kids (incl. babies & toddlers) and teen coats to the library between 11/1-12/8. Come back on December 13, from 10am-4pm to pick out a new coat (no donation required).

Pages for Pastries

This reading challenge (for adults) is pretty simple and sweet: read and review books for the chance to win a \$25 gift card to a local bakery! Fill out a bookmark, available at the library and online, for every book you read, then bring it back to the library in exchange for a raffle ticket. Three lucky participants will win gift cards to area bakeries! Running from Nov. 1 through the 24.

New Assisted Listening System

The Wilmington Memorial Library is pleased to announce that an assisted listening system is now available for events held in the Stewart Room. The system can be used in three different ways. For patrons without hearing aids or cochlear implants, there are headphones. For patrons with aids or implants that have a T-Coil, there are neck loops. For patrons who have paired their aids or implants with their phone, there's an app, WaveCast. Please contact

the library (or technology librarians) for more information.

New Resource: Peterson's Test & Career Prep!

Wilmington Memorial Library has a new resource — Peterson's Test & Career Prep! With Peterson's Test & Career Prep, you can search thousands of colleges and graduate schools, identify scholarships, take practice tests, create resumes and explore careers, all for free with your library card! Visit www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/econtent/research for more info.

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am-4pm.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.



Moulton calls out Trump Admin. for refusing to fund SNAP ahead of deadline

SALISBURY — Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06) visited Our Neighbor's Table in Salisbury to tour the facility, meet with staff and volunteers, and speak about the urgent crisis facing millions of families across the country with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) set to run out of funding on Nov. 1.

Congressman Moulton was joined by the following leaders of nearby local food pantries:

- Greg Ezell, Program Director, Our Neighbor's Table
- Stacey Verge, Executive Director, Acord Food Pantry
- Robyn Burns, Executive Director, Salem Pantry
- Allison Caffrey, Executive Director, Beverly Bootstraps
- Sarah Grow, Director of Development, Open Door
- Jane Merrow, Co-Founder, First Parish Newbury Food Pantry

During his visit, Moulton highlighted the devastating impact that the Trump Administration's refusal to use emergency contin-



gency reserve to fund SNAP will have on working families, seniors, and veterans in Massachusetts.

"Health care and food are human rights," said Congressman Moulton during a press conference. "So if Republicans make this cruel decision to deliberately take away food assistance this weekend when the funds are there to pay for it, that shows their priorities."

If SNAP is not funded by the Nov. 1 deadline, more than 42 million Americans are set to lose SNAP benefits. In Massachusetts, more than 600,000 residents rely on the program, including more than 60,000 in the Sixth District.

Congressman Moulton drew a sharp contrast between the Trump Administration's priorities and the everyday realities of working Americans.

"There are two different

Americas today," he said. "There are the billionaires who buy off this corrupt administration, who Trump is focused on with his dreams of seeing the stock market rise. And then there are working families across America who actually make this nation run, many of whom can't afford to pay rent, can't afford to buy a home, can't afford to send their kids to school, and now they can't afford to eat."

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Like NYC, Boston **Lifestyle** has many historical theaters

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The City of New York has a long history of excellence in the cultural arts scene, mostly thanks to the great success of its famous live theater district known as Broadway.

Broadway has been in existence since the 1800's, and has consistently offered the openings of the newest and most innovative stage productions while preserving the historical atmosphere of the many vintage theater buildings of the area.

But truth be told, there is no need to travel all the way to New York to get this vintage stage experience, as New England has their own thriving theater community right here in the City of Boston.

Boston has a long standing tradition of a bustling theater scene, and boasts a wonderful selection of historic theaters that are

filled with nostalgic beauty, historical significance, and the occasional secret or two.

The Boston Theater District is considered to be the area of Washington, Tremont, and Boylston Street and Huntington Avenue.

This area is the home to over 30 theaters, some of which have ties to Boston's higher education establishments, such as Emerson College's Colonial Theatre, The Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, Emerson Paramount Theatre, and the Modern Theatre at Suffolk University.

Other noteworthy Boston historical theaters are the Wilbur, Charles Playhouse, Citizen Bank Boston Opera House, Boch Center Wang Theatre, and the Boch Shubert Theater just to name a few.

All of these establishments are dripping with history and architectural charm, and all have their own private story to tell.



Emerson alumni are familiar with the many rumors of regular hauntings that surround the Emerson theaters, and the Suffolk Modern Theater has a slight checkered past, featuring the showings of adult films in the 1970's.

Few realize that the famous Boch Center Wang Theatre has starred in several major motion pictures, including the casino scenes in the 2013 film "American Hustle" and as the home of Jack Nicholson's character in the 1987 film, "The Witches of Eastwick."

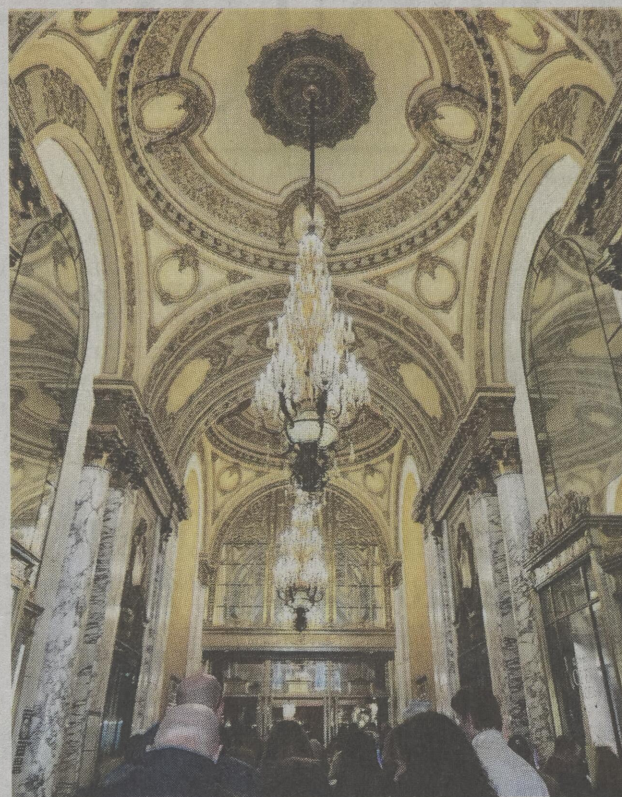
The Opera House originally opened as a vaudeville house in 1928, and has evolved over the years to be the home of a movie theater, an opera company, rock concerts, Broadway productions and recently

became the home of the Boston's Ballet's annual production of the Nutcracker.

Despite all of the production changes throughout the years, the Opera House has still preserved its original architectural integrity, features the original bronze ticket booth, poster displays, ceiling chandeliers and wall sconces.

Like many of Boston's vintage theaters, the Opera House can instantly transport visitors back in time, with its opulent crystal chandeliers and ornate gold ceilings and moldings.

For those who would love to immerse themselves in an afternoon of vintage ar-



◀▲ Like many of Boston's vintage theaters, the Opera House can instantly transport you back in time, with its opulent crystal chandeliers and ornate gold architectural details.
(Heather Burns photos)

chitecture mixed with Boston's colorful theater background, Boston by Foot offers just such an experience with their special two hour theater tour.

This guided walking tour explores the exterior of the Opera House, the Majestic, the Wilbur, the Colonial, and the Paramount theaters.

Tours include an in-depth look into the history of theaters in Boston, as well as the architectural significance of each theater.

Tour guides will also fill you in on lesser known facts and legends of these historical buildings.

This tour also covers a behind the scene interior

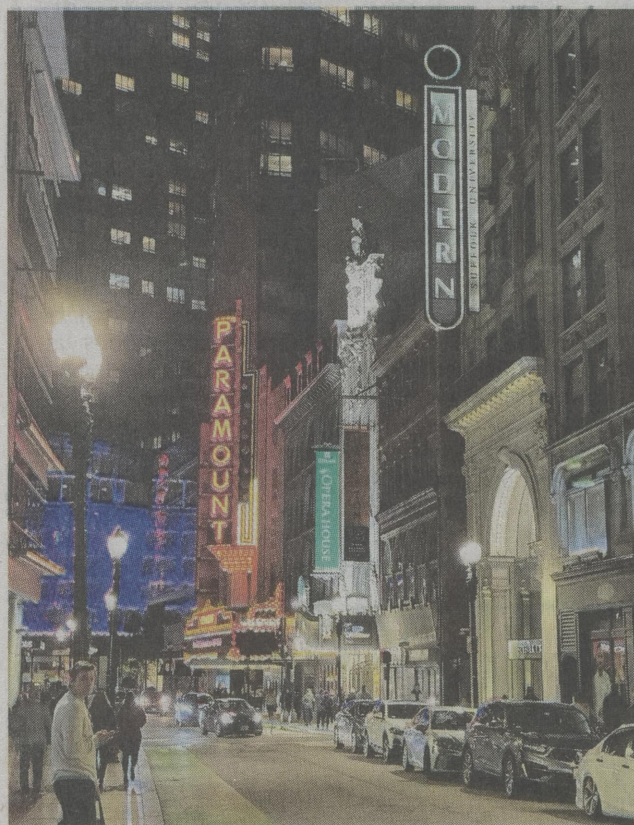
tour of one of Boston's most prominent landmark theaters, the historic Boch Center Wang Theatre.

Visitors will learn about the unique history of this theater while admiring the extravagant architectural details.

The tours include an opportunity to stand on the same stage as such legendary performers as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Liza Minnelli and Elton John.

Tours begin at the Opera House on 539 Washington St. and end at the Boch Center Wang Theatre.

To view a calendar of Boston by Foot Tours schedule and to book a tour, visit www.bostonbyfoot.org.



◀ The Modern Theatre at Suffolk University, the Citizen Bank Opera House, and the Emerson Paramount Theatre are just a few of the vintage theaters that light up the night in Boston's theater district.
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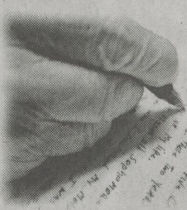
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OPINION



Letter to the editor

Come to special Town Meeting to save the Buzzell

Dear editor,

At the special Town meeting coming up on Nov. 20, 2025, voters are being asked to either save the Buzzell School/former senior center for community use or demolish it for unneeded parking spaces. As a co-petitioner of the articles, I am asking people to please attend and vote to save the building.

Considering Wilmington practices "demolition by neglect" for our buildings, this one is in surprisingly good shape. I serve on the Building Reuse Committee and represent my views, not the committee's.

The vote for the committee was tied with two town employees voting to demolish it. We developed a scorecard to evaluate buildings and the Buzzell scored surprisingly well. It has served the people of the community for 90 years, has more to offer, and is in the Wilmington Centre Village Historic District.

The pressing issue with the building is it is not compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Considering this building served as a senior center for decades and was never updated to be ADA compliant is unsettling. There are other updates that need to be made like the heating system.

But the building itself is in good shape. And what needs to be done can be done over time with a plan which the petitioners will bring to annual Town Meeting if and once Article 2 is approved. Article 2 asks the voters to spend \$613,000 to do the ADA work and heating upgrades. If Town Meeting wishes to do just the ADA compliance and not the heating it can do so.

During the Building Reuse Committee meetings many residents overwhelmingly voiced support to keep the building for community use. One resident submitted a petition with 100 signatures from the people that live in the general vicinity of the Buzzell.

WCTV and the Sons and Daughters of Italy were two non-profit groups that advocated to save the building. They showed interest in helping with updates if they were granted a lease. WCTV will be without a home soon.

The Arts Council and the Friends of the Library could also use this space. The Arts Council has not had a home for years and the town does

not want to keep the little house next door to the Library.

The bottom line is, the town needs community space. This building is perfect for just that since it is in the community/common center of town. We owe it to the volunteers and citizen groups that serve our community daily to give them space.

The cost for new buildings today ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per square foot. Which is what the range was for the new senior center and Town Hall. A full complete rehab for the Buzzell is \$138 per square foot. A no brainer in my mind.

The Select Board voted to demolish this building despite the wants and needs voiced by the community. Over 70% of residents in a town wide survey conducted by the committee want it saved. Most were interested in a community/youth center.

Here is the thing though, the Select Board does not have any authority over buildings. Their vote is not binding. They overstepped their authority. The town manager does have the authority over buildings, unless otherwise directed by the town. This is written in our by-laws.

So, we have taken this issue to where it belongs, to you, the town. Three politicians or the town manager should not and do not have the power to demolish town assets. The town's people, aka "the town" has the authority.

I could get into how poorly the Select Board treated residents, fellow board members and the chair of the Historical Commission but I'm sure many have already witnessed it, so it is neither here nor there. Whether you want to keep the Buzzell or not, the power lies in you not three people on power trips.

This is a democracy even though some would like it to be otherwise. We need a quorum of 150 people to decide this matter. Please come and support this effort. It is the only item on the agenda and will not take much of your time.

Nov. 20, at the Wilmington High School, check-in will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Thank you for helping us save the Buzzell for the community.

Suzanne Sullivan
Wilmington

Book Stew author had 'secrets of the Universe'

"These Were the Secrets of the Universe... and I had access to them!" — said November Book Stew guest, author Katy Grabel. Host Eileen MacDougall shares Grabel's vibrant memoir "The Magician's Daughter," a unique coming-of-age-on-

the-stage story.

In 1977, when Katy is 14, her illusionist father Lee Grabel and his assistant/wife Helene take to the road with the ultimate intention of headlining in Las Vegas. In this autobiography of her eight months of travel, Katy shares the stress of

Coats of all sizes needed from Tewksbury/Wilmington area collection partners

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — As the price of everyday items like groceries and gasoline continues to rise, government SNAP benefits are on hold, and temperatures start to drop, families struggling with expenses may find that a warm winter coat is a necessity that isn't in the budget. This year, thousands of children and adults may otherwise not have access to warm winter coats.

As New England's largest coat drive for more than 30 years, Caring Partners' Coats for Kids & Families collects gently used coats of all sizes and for all ages from now through Jan. 10, 2026.

All schools, organizations, and businesses are invited to start their own public or private collection. The Wonder Years Learning Center, Wilmington, as well as the Center Elementary School, Dewing Elementary School, and John F. Ryan Elementary schools in Tewksbury have signed up to collect coats, alongside the Tewksbury Health Department.

After collection, all coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and given to local nonprofits, social service agencies, and schools for distribution. Due to the economic downturn, 50,000 warm coats are needed to help adults and children who may not be able to afford a winter coat this year.

School groups, corporations, communities, neigh-

borhoods, and kind individuals are also welcome to donate coats for children and adults at any Anton's Cleaners, Jordan's Furniture, and Rockland Trust location now through Jan. 10, 2026.

Sponsored by Anton's Cleaners, Jordan's Furniture, and Rockland Trust Coats for Kids & Families has collected, cleaned, and distributed 1,275,912 free coats at more than 70 collection locations and events since the program began in 1995.

Coats for Kids & Families accepts warm winter coats that are new or gently used, good quality, and all sizes (especially XL and infant/pre-K sizes). The drive does not accept coats with rips, tears, broken zippers, or permanent stains, nor does the drive accept sweatshirts, vests and spring coats, boots, scarves, or gloves.

"Our company is very proud to give back to the community through our Caring Partners charity. For more than three decades, we have been steadfast and focused on one simple but important mission: anyone who needs a coat will have one," said Arthur Anton Jr., COO of Anton's Cleaners and founder of the program. "Companies, schools, nonprofits, and clubs work hard every year to help us collect, clean, and distribute 50,000 winter coats to anyone who needs one."

According to Eliot Taelman from Jordan's Fur-

niture, "Jordan's is happy to continue our support of Coats for Kids & Families by collecting coats and ensuring that anyone who needs a warm, winter coat will have one. Additionally, by donating funds for the popular School Rewards Program, Jordan's Furniture provides an extra incentive for schools while teaching students the importance of supporting area families in their community. We are proud to, again, be a part of this wonderful program."

"With our long-standing tradition of community support, we are pleased to be a corporate partner for Coats for Kids & Families and help broaden their reach by increasing the number of collection sites. As the need increases, Rockland Trust supports the project's mission to collect, clean, and distribute warm winter coats to those in need," said Peg McCarthy, Chief Retail Banking Officer, Rockland Trust. "Our generous customers and heart-centered communities are looking forward to collecting more coats than ever before to help even more kids and families."

School groups are encouraged to collect coats, and they are critical to the program's success. Each year, more than 200 dedicated school groups are responsible for half of all coat collections. Local public, parochial, and independent schools experience the rewards of com-

munity service and get incentivized through the School Rewards Program™, offering six generous prizes to top-placing schools who collect the most coats — leveling the playing field so everyone has a chance to win. Public, parochial, and independent schools may participate. Any school that wins a prize for three consecutive years will have one year of ineligibility. See the website for the registration form and details: antons.com/cfk.

All donated coats are cleaned free of charge by Anton's and distributed (never sold) through distribution partners made up of major local non-profit and social service agencies.

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Senate Republicans score victory for transparency

BOSTON — On Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, the Senate Republican Caucus secured an important amendment that strengthens transparency and accountability in state spending, ensuring that the Legislature and the public have clear, consistent access to how taxpayer dollars are being spent to address housing instability and shelter demand across Massachusetts.

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) offered Amendment #3: Shelter Spending Transparency during the Senate debate of the Senate Ways and Means' version (S.2655) of the \$2.3 billion Fiscal Year 2025 Closeout Supplemental Budget.

The bipartisan amendment — sponsored by Tarr and co-sponsored by Senate Assistant Minority Leaders Kelly Dooner (R-Taunton), Peter Durant (R-Spencer), Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton), Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) and Senators Michael Moore (D-Millbury) and Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) — was unanimously adopted by a 38-0 vote of the legislature and strengthens reporting requirements for both the Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter Program and HomeBASE, a program that helps eligible EA families transition from homelessness to stable housing.

"Public reporting on the costs related to these two programs is essential to transparency and accountability, and necessary for the legislature to have the timely information needed to act to ensure that they have integrity and cost-effectiveness," said Tarr.

Highlights of the Shelter Spending Transparency (Amendment #3), include: Emergency Shelter Spending Transparency Reporting Requirement:

- The Executive Office for Administration and Finance (EOAF), in consultation with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), must provide detailed reports to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means and the Clerks of both chambers on all Fiscal Year 2026 spending on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program beginning July 1, 2025.

- These reports must include any spending not previously disclosed in EOAF's bi-weekly emergency housing assistance reports and continue the bi-weekly reporting as required by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025.

HomeBASE Reporting Requirements Expanded to Include:

- Total program expenditures and utilization trends, including repeat use of benefits;
- Aggregate demogra-

phic data of applicants and participants (such as household size, age, gender, and immigration status, in deidentified form);

- Federal financial participation details, including the percentage and dollar amount of costs reimbursed by the federal government and resulting net state costs;

- Submission of reports to both the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Clerks of the House and Senate.

The requirement for bi-weekly reporting on emergency shelter spending was first established in December 2023 through Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, a supplemental budget that directed the Healey Administration to publish detailed updates on the costs of the emergency shelter system.

The law required the administration to disclose total expenditures on shelters, supplemental support for school districts and municipalities, other related spending, and projected budget deficiencies through the end of fiscal year 2025. That mandate was later extended under

Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024, signed on April 30, 2024, but the statutory language limited the reporting to data "through the end of fiscal year 2025."

When FY2025 ended on June 30, 2025, that requirement lapsed, and subsequent reports released after July 1 no longer included real-time or detailed fiscal year 2026 spending data.

To address this lapse and restore full transparency, the Senate adopted the Senate GOP's amendment with two key components: first, a single report to cover the gap between the date the requirement expired and the present, ensuring continuity in public information; and second, the reinstatement of regular biweekly reports on an ongoing basis, this time codified in statute so that future administrations will be required by law to continue this level of disclosure.

Together, these measures close the reporting gap and make permanent a tool for fiscal transparency and accountability in the state's emergency shelter spending.

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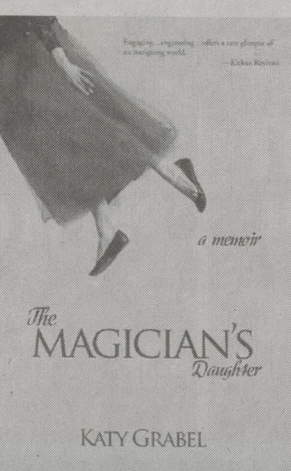
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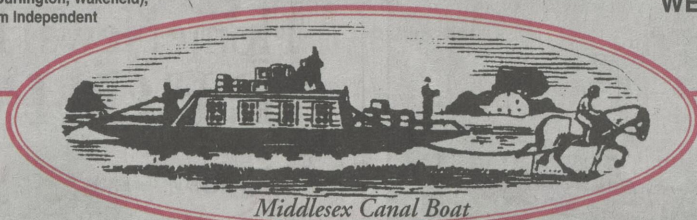
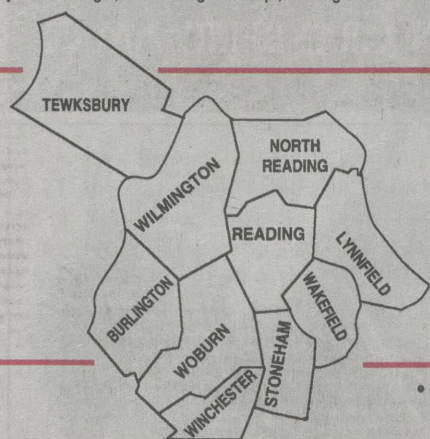
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Town officials interested in signing successor agreement...

Stoneham's golf courses raking in record revenues as lease- management contract expires

By PATRICK BLAIS

What a difference a decade makes.

After taking over operations at a pair of municipal golf courses that had been experienced hemorrhaging returns for the previous 15 years, Sterling Golf Management (SGM) is coming off a banner 2024 season in which it raked in a combined \$2.2 million in gross revenues at the community's Par 3 Stoneham Oaks golf course and its more successful 9-hole Unicorn Golf Course.

And with the company's long-term contract set to lapse at the end of this year, Stoneham Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan is now looking to potentially renew that arrangement for another nine years.

Stonehamites certainly aren't afraid to torpedo long-term leases and did just that when a private company was awarded a 10-year contract to manage operations at the Stoneham Arena back in 2003. However, in an indication that the townspeople are just as happy with the Newton company's performance at the two golf courses, Town Meeting just a few weeks ago overwhelmingly and without a second of debate granted the town administrator the authority to ink a new contract.

According to Sheehan, he and other local officials have been thrilled with Sterling's performance since it took over for golf operations at the two courses from North Reading's CMM Golf Course Management about nine years ago. However, the town administrator has also made clear he will launch a whole new procurement process for the lease-management contract to see if any other parties can offer the town better terms.

"There's a lot of mobilization needed to get in there and set up programming like camps and classes [should we go with a new provider]," said Sheehan of the need to move quickly during a Select Board meeting in early October. "There aren't a ton of vendors in this space, but we should certainly make sure Sterling is offering the best value."

"We will accept public feedback and hold information sessions with the Select Board as we go through the procurement process, but we need Town Meeting approval for the authority to go through with a longer contract," he further advised the Select Board before outlining his hopes to have a new accord in place before the start of next spring.

With 2025 revenue projections not expected to be finalized until the end of this year, the 2024 profit-and-loss statements provided by the Newton-based golf management company show that Stoneham raked in a record \$577,434 in leasing fees under the revenue-sharing agreement last year.

Those returns come after the management company reported another banner year back in 2023, when both courses raked in a combined \$1.974 million in gross revenue. In 2024, according to town documents, some 58,893 rounds of golf were played on Unicorn Golf Course, while the some 15,774 patrons visited Stoneham Oaks.

By contrast, when Sterling Golf officials were awarded an initial 5-year lease-management contract with several option years back at the start of 2016, town officials de-



ON THE GREEN - Stoneham's Unicorn Golf Course (top photo) and Stoneham Oaks (below) are finding renewed popularity. (Courtesy Photos)

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MAGNIFIQUE HOMMAGE - Zoey Deutch as Jean Seberg, center, in a scene from 'Nouvelle Vague' released by Netflix.
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

‘Nouvelle Vague’ is a meticulous ode to the French New Wave

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Any time a notable figure of the French New Wave is introduced in Richard Linklater's "Nouvelle Vague," we're treated to a momentary straight-on shot of them, with a nameplate — Claude Chabrol, Jacques Rivette, Éric Rohmer — at the bottom of the screen. It's a little like Linklater, as he goes, is cataloging different species of the same 1950s genus, or playing a grand game of New Wave "Guess Who?"

"Nouvelle Vague" is principally about Jean-Luc Godard (Guillaume Marbeck) and the making of his landmark feature debut, "Breathless." But it is also a wider portrait of a moveable filmmaking feast, of an entire generation of French filmmakers who were passionately engaged, individually and as one, in changing cinema. In 1959, it's a movement that's on the move.

To a remarkable degree, Linklater's film, in French and boxed into the Academy ratio, black-and-white style of "Breathless," has fully imbibed that spirit, resurrecting one of the most hallowed eras of movies to capture an iconoclast in the making. The result is something endlessly stylish and almost absurdly uncanny, even if

"Nouvelle Vague" never adopts the brash daring of its subject.

Instead, "Nouvelle Vague" is more of a straightforward though deeply affectionate ode to a singularly unconventional filmmaker. The contrast makes "Nouvelle Vague" a curious thing: a meticulous recreation of a rule-breaking cinematic revolution. Godard would have hated it. That doesn't make it any less enchanting.

At the outset of the film, Godard and company have gathered for the premiere of François Truffaut's "The 400 Blows." For Godard, the last of the Cahiers du Cinéma crowd to transition from writing criticism to directing, anxiety is mounting. He's 29 and beginning to fear he's missed the wave.

But confidence is not lacking in Godard. (Marbeck, excellent, doesn't take off his sunglasses for the duration of the movie, including in movie screenings.) On the heels of the Cannes reception for "The 400 Blows," the producer Georges de Beauregard (Bruno Dreyfurst, tremendous) agrees to make "Breathless." Beauregard warily eyes Godard, likely aware of the trouble he's making for himself. He pleads for Godard to just make a sexy "slice of film noir."

Godard, though, knows his chance has finally come to transfer all his ideas into film. Before production starts, he visits the elder statesmen of European cinema at the time — Jean-Pierre Melville (Tom Novembre), Roberto Rossellini (Laurent Mothe) — for advice. "Shoot quickly," Rossellini tells him.

Godard wants no lights, no soundstages and no script. He'll go into each day not knowing what he's going to shoot. On the first day of production, he announces: "Time to enter the pantheon."

The bulk of "Nouvelle Vague" is the day-to-day shooting of "Breathless," for which Godard cast Jean-Paul Belmondo (Aubrey Dullin) as the small-time gangster lead and Jean Seberg (Zoey Deutch) as the Herald Tribune-selling American student he wants to run off with. (These, like so many of the many roles of "Nouvelle Vague," are so well matched that casting director Catherine Schwartz deserves a shot at the inaugural Oscar.)

The thrill of following the making of "Breathless" day by day is seeing just how brazenly Godard disregards the assumed conventions of moviemaking. On the first day, he wraps after two

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scribed both courses as a financial millstone around the community's neck.

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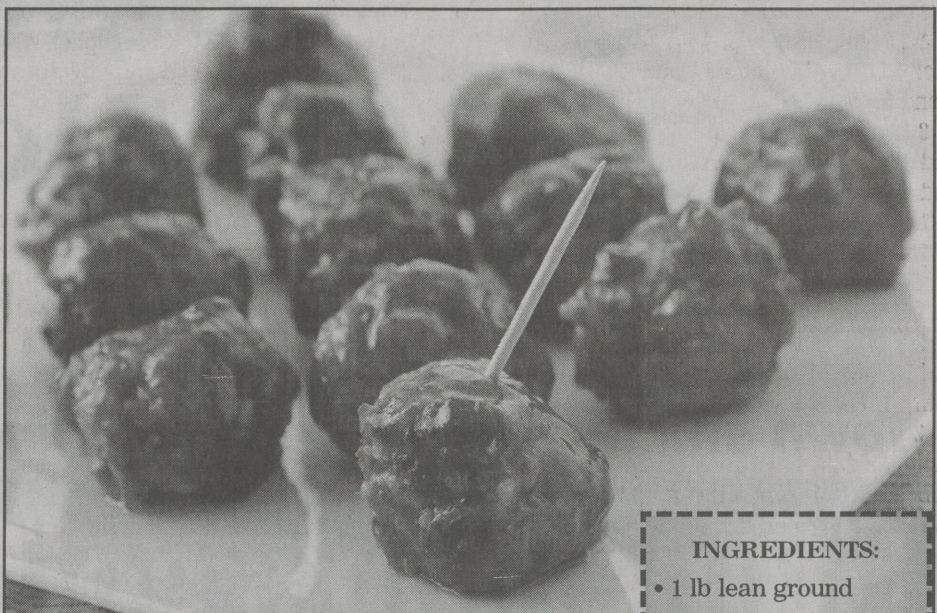
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IN CRANBERRY SAUCE



SNAPPY APPETIZER - Looking for a hearty appetizer recipe? Then check out these turkey meatballs served in cranberry sauce - ready in just 35 minutes!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion (1 medium)
- 1/4 cup uncooked instant white or brown rice
- 1/4 cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1 egg, lightly beaten, or 1/4 cup fat-free cholesterol-free egg product
- 1 teaspoon salt, if desired
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 can (16 oz) jellied cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup water

STEPS

Step 1: In medium bowl, mix all ingredients except cranberry sauce and water. Shape mixture into about 45 (1-inch) balls.

Step 2: Heat 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add meatballs; cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally, until thermometer inserted in center of meatballs reads 165°F.

Step 3: Gently stir in cranberry

sauce and water. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until cranberry sauce is melted and smooth.

EXPERT TIPS

- To make ahead, make meatballs in sauce as directed in recipe. Place in covered container; refrigerate.
- To reheat, place in microwaveable bowl; microwave on High, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly heated.

hours. For Linklater ("Slacker," "Dazed and Confused," "Before Sunset"), these scenes have a special resonance. Few filmmakers believe more ardently in the benefits of a leisurely hang-out.

But Godard's methods have a purpose. "I'm trying to seize reality at random," he explains.

"Nouvelle Vague" captures Godard stealing from his influences (Ingmar Bergman, Duke Ellington, Humphrey Bogart) while striving to realize his own voice as an artist. "Breathless" is a movie poised between movie eras — a deconstructionist bebop riff on a Hollywood genre film. "Nouvelle Vague," more than anything, is about how becoming an artist requires both reverence for the past and a stubborn insistence on breaking ground on the future.

"Nouvelle Vague," which opens in theaters Friday and streams Nov. 14 on Netflix, is one of two artist portraits by Linklater this fall, the other being "Blue Moon," with Ethan Hawke as the tragic lyricist Lorenz Hart. Both, as it happens, have their Bogart quotes. And both are stirring, cigarette-smoking musings on what makes a great lyric, a memorable song or a movie that will live on forever.

In "Nouvelle Vague," you wouldn't say that it takes a village. It's Godard's force of will that propels "Breathless." Each filmmaker gets

a Wes Anderson-style close-up in Linklater's film perhaps because each is pursuing a uniquely personal vision of cinema. In today's movie world, where risk aversion and brand management carry the day, such a moviemaking spirit often feels extinct or, at least, elusive. "Nouvelle Vague," with a young Godard making things up off the cuff and on the fly, is a reminder how less can be so, so much more. And how it's nice, as a young filmmaker with big ambitions, to have some company.

"Nouvelle Vague," a Netflix release is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for some language. Running time: 105 minutes. Three stars out of four.

between FY'12 and FY'14, the two courses technically ended up costing the town \$46,671 despite the fact that it was being managed by a third-party.

In 2015, former Town Administrator David Ragucci, encouraged by the Select Board and the town's Open Space & Recreation Committee, demanded the lease-management contract be put out to bid. At the time, Ragucci and others complained about various questionable practices that had occurred at both golf courses in the years prior including:

- That contracted workers and a handful of municipal workers assigned to do maintenance on the courses were allegedly allowed to pay an estimated 1,000 free rounds of golf;
- That credit and debit cards were routinely being refused by the vendor, which allegedly demanded cash from players despite contractual obligations to accept alternative forms of payment;
- That poor record-keeping practices and lax financial controls were commonplace at both facilities;
- And that town officials had been routinely been denied access to financial records and reports.

In an indication that Stoneham made the right call, in Aug. of 2016, just a year into SGM's new lease, company president Kevin Osgood appeared at a Select Board meeting to report that the town would be receiving an initial \$137,000 payment under the new profit-sharing agreement.

The year before SGM took over the management contract, the far more challenging and popular Unicorn Golf Course brought in \$454,651 in gross receipts. By contrast, as of 2024, those receipts had climbed to \$1.87 million. The smaller Par 3 Stoneham Oaks course, which attracts far fewer experienced golfers, reported \$80,490 in gross revenues in FY'15, while those total receipts climbed to \$335,944 as of last year.

Under Stoneham's existing lease terms, the town receives a base \$25,000 pay-

ment for both courses and is then entitled to 25 percent of all profits that exceed \$950,000.

However, SGM's existing arrangement with the town is not without controversy, as previous town officials have complained that the town is on the hook for making all major capital improvements at the two golf courses.

In fact, back in 2017, former Select Board veteran George Seibold criticized those favorable contract terms upon learning that Town Meeting was about to be asked to invest \$580,000 into Unicorn Golf Course for a major irrigation system overhaul.

"Since we've subleased this thing out, we want to throw all this money at it. But when the town owned it, it seems like we wanted it to fail by only giving them \$10,000 [for maintenance and upkeep]," said Seibold at the time. "There's no way we should be paying for that."

Earlier this fall, several Select Board members suggested that Sheehan consider writing into the contract new performance benchmarks and other contract clauses — such as changes to the capital upkeep provisions that currently leave the town responsible for any investment over \$10,000.

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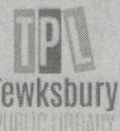
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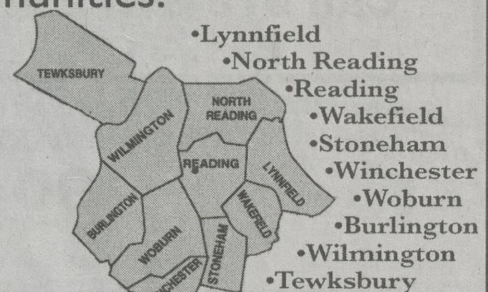
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Tewksbury Police Log

Women arrested at local grocery store on numerous charges including assault and battery, disorderly conduct

Monday, October 27

3:55 a.m. - One person tried to get into her motor vehicle at Brown Street. She had camera footage. Male wore black pants and black hoodie. He was walking to Whipple. Police sent. Billerica and Wilmington Police Department notified. Individual appeared gone on arrival. Billerica checked their side with nothing showing. Incident did happen about ten minutes before they called. Officer filed a report.

8:20 a.m. - A 911 caller reported she was paying for a hat and put on her head at Walmart. Then, the worker ripped it off of her head. Caller would like to speak to an officer. Police sent. There was no assault that occurred, just a customer that was upset with an employee.

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported there was a suspicious package arriving this morning that shouldn't have come at Extended Stay America. The person who

wanted the package continued to call asking about it. She stated there should be another two that would be delivered. Officer filed a report. Police sent and picked up the package.

12:42 p.m. - Caller reported she had a suspicious number call her about some items that were purchased such as Playstation at Andover Street. They also left a voice message on her house phone. Police spoke with the walk-in party.

2:48 p.m. - Caller reported a customer assaulted her by scratching her hand at the register at CVS south. Female party was white, late 40s, and wearing a burgundy sweater. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Tuesday, October 28

7:27 a.m. - Call reported some possible drug activity involving a plate at James Avenue. Caller kept seeing that vehicle in the area with this being the forth time today. Police

sent. The caller left a message for the drug unit. They would be following up.

9:17 a.m. - Caller reported an AirTag tracker was placed on her vehicle without consent at Bell Road. Caller was concerned about potential stalking. Police sent. Advice given. AirTag wasn't with her.

10:16 a.m. - A CVS pharmacy employee said a customer tried to pick up a prescription that was already picked up. Police sent and officer filed a report.

11:54 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a female that was yellow and swearing at the staff at Market Basket South. Police sent. Kristin Hartman, 54, of 912 Old Shawsheen St., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, resist arrest, assault and battery on police officer, OUI liquor, assault and battery with dangerous weapon, vandalize property, and assault and battery with dangerous weapon to wit shopping cart.

Wednesday, October 29

5:55 a.m. - Caller reported his neighbor had been outside screaming for the past 10 minutes at Charles Drive. Male was alone and had no weapon. Police sent. They spoke and the caller who was just in pain after a recent hip replacement. He was offered medical and denied.

Friday, October 31

8:09 a.m. - The vehicle was showing as having a stolen plate at Sciarappa Way. The vehicle had no front plate but was listed as canceled. Police sent. New plates were inside the vehicle and would be putting them on the vehicle.

5:46 p.m. - Caller reported a female party was previously trespassing on the property causing a scene and trashing the place at Haley's Express Laundromat. The caller would like to have her removed and trespassed again. Police sent. The party was spoken to and she would be leaving the property once her laundry was done. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, October 30

6:25 a.m. - A 911 caller reported he saw possible drugs at the Circle K with someone giving a package of illicit materials to someone in a vehicle. Caller also stated they wanted to remain anonymous. Police sent. There was no evidence of any exchange. All units cleared.

8:01 a.m. - Housing authority calling to advise four males putting a vehicle back together at Carnation Drive. Police sent. They spoke with those parties and their vehicle. Had a flat tire and they were making arrangements to get the vehicle to Schlott Tire.

Friday, October 31

12:10 p.m. - A 911 caller reported someone swore around her child and she asked her to stop at Walmart. Verbal argument was made, no physical contact. Caller stated the other party was in the customer service line. The other party was told to be a white female wearing gray sweats and shirt. The caller will remain at the front door to speak to officers. Police sent. They advised to both parties just a verbal disagreement.

3:36 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an accident, no injuries or airbag deployment at East Street and North Street. Police and ambulance sent. Carole Hanley, 62, of 2 Woodland Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with third offense of OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Saturday, November 1

12:54 a.m. - A 911 call for a suspicious male standing outside his house for an hour pacing at Main Street. Police sent and they reported spoke to the

party. They checked out.

8:24 p.m. - Police out with a party that was yelling at and shining flashlights at passing vehicles at Main Street. The party was upset about a cruiser parked near his residence. He was uncooperative when spoken to. Officer left to deescalate and male returned inside.

8:55 p.m. - A 911 caller stated fight at Casa Esperanza. Police sent. Alexander Aulet, 42, of 780 Albany St. in Boston, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon (cane), strangulation or suffocation, and assault and battery.

Sunday, November 2

11:24 a.m. - Walk-in party stated his vehicle was vandalized at Villa Roma Pizza last night between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. He stated he parked his car and when he came back, his vehicle was damaged and his vehicle did not start. Police sent and officer filed a report.

6:28 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle driving erratically on East Street possibly intoxicated. Vehicle nearly hit a guardrail and road edge multiple times. Last seen in Main Street heading toward Walmart. Police sent. He vehicle went into Billerica. Billerica Police Department notified.



Wilmington Police Log

Police break up bonfire behind old town dump

Friday, Oct. 24:

1:17 p.m.: A walk-in party from St. Elizabeth Church on Forest Street reported that they received a voice-mail on Sunday, Oct. 19 from an unknown man stating that "they" should be ashamed of themselves for flying a "trans terrorist flag."

10:13 p.m.: A walk-in party reported a bonfire behind Jimmy's Garage, at the old town dump on Old Main Street. Police found several vehicles on site, including a pickup truck with 12 people in it; everyone involved either left or was picked up by their parents.

11:29 p.m.: A caller on Lowell Street reported that his brother was being violent, and that he was trying to take his phone, but refused to elaborate further. The argument was purely verbal in nature, and the brother left prior to police arrival.

Saturday, Oct. 25:

7:41 a.m.: A caller on Virginia Road reported a man wearing all camo, hunting for deer with a compound bow in her backyard. The man had left by the time police arrived, but the woman was

advised to call back if he came back.

2:54 p.m.: A gray 2015 Subaru Forester and a blue 2017 Mazda CX-5 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Glen Road. Airbags were deployed.

3:28 p.m.: An employee at Adriana's Permanent Makeup on Lowell Street requested an officer after a customer was dissatisfied and was making a scene. The incident was found to be the result of a misunderstanding, and all parties were satisfied.

Sunday, Oct. 26:

8:52 a.m.: Staff at Willowbrook Rehab on West Street reported that a patient was taken out of the facility by her sister, who did not sign her out, and contacted the patient's husband, who stated she does not have permission to take the patient. Staff contacted the sister, who would return the patient to the facility.

10:22 a.m.: A caller on Park Street reported there was a tow truck in her driveway, lifting up her car, and was unsure of what was happening. A constable was on scene, conducting a repossession of a vehicle on the property, but

the court documentation was for the wrong vehicle. The tow truck driver released the car, and was to return with corrected paperwork.

9:28 p.m.: A black 2024 Honda Civic was involved in a rollover accident on the I-93 SB highway, rolling into the treeline. Both people inside the vehicle were conscious and alert, with the man inside being taken by the fire department, while the woman received a medflight; state police handled the situation from that point.

Monday, Oct. 27:

2:06 a.m.: A caller on Fiorenza Drive reported hearing a loud bang downstairs, with the whole family staying upstairs. The source of the noise was found to be a window shade after a walkthrough.

1:38 p.m.: A caller on Jacques Lane reported an incident of fraud.

Tuesday, Oct. 28:

2:33 p.m.: Employees at the Market Basket on Main Street reported a man approaching customers in the store asking for money. The man was advised on the legality of panhandling, and his brother's girlfriend was to pick him up at the nearby McDonald's.

8:59 p.m.: A caller on Andover Street reported a gray 2019 Chevy Tahoe crashed into a tree in the

woods, with three people taking off on foot down Andover Street towards Ballardvale Street.

11:30 p.m.: A caller on Blackstone Street reported that she could hear crying, screaming, and banging coming from her neighbor's house for about 30 to 45 minutes, with their dog also intermittently barking. Police spoke with the neighbors, who explained that it was an argument.

Wednesday, Oct. 29:

12:44 a.m.: Emil Ramos Brito of 428 Johnson St., in North Andover, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2013 Honda Accord on Shawsheen Avenue.

9:58 a.m.: A white 2017

Jeep Cherokee backed into a blue 2013 Honda Accord near the Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street. Police assisted with info exchange.

Thursday, Oct. 30:

10:26 a.m.: A black 2010 Ford Explorer rear-ended a gray 2020 Dodge Ram Promaster on Concord Street. Police assisted with paperwork exchange.

6:10 p.m.: A gray 2016 Jeep Patriot and a gray 2017 Ford Explorer were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Dollar Tree on Main Street. Airbags may have been deployed, but no injuries were reported.

8:03 p.m.: A beige 2006 Chevy Trailblazer spun out on the I-93 SB highway, with possible injuries. State police handled the situation.

Community Teamwork still open for business

LOWELL — Community Teamwork is proud to be a trusted partner of the community. Individuals and families rely on their programs, and their doors must remain open to support them. Federal funds are woven into the foundation of all Community Action Agencies, including Community Teamwork, and we're increasingly concerned about the local impact if the federal government does not reopen.

These programs have been without federal funding since Oct. 1 and at severe risk.

• The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is fundamental to their operations, funding their Resource Center — where members of the community come to get vital support and emergency services. The Resource Center will remain open, but members of the community will see longer wait times and limits on services.

• The Low-Income Housing Energy Program (LIHEAP) provides heating and cooling assistance — it's a program that keeps energy costs down for the entire community. Until funding is

released from Washington, we are only able to approve emergency applications for this vital assistance.

• The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps improve ventilation and insulate homes, similarly bringing down energy costs. It's difficult to think what winter would look like without this program.

Lastly, as a Community Action Agency, they're uniquely positioned to connect with families in need and efficiently run programs like Head Start, which provides high-quality early childhood education to hard-working families who need assistance. Community Teamwork's Head Start grant lapsed on Nov. 1.

At this time, they have reserve funding to keep classrooms open through November, but there will be impacts on program operations. If the shutdown were to continue into December, families in the community will be at risk of losing vital services that make it possible for children to learn and for parents to work.

"The Community Services Block Grant has long received bipartisan sup-

port. It's an effective and locally-driven program that year after year shows the kind of results that transcend politics. Yet as the shutdown continues, Community Action Agencies are at increasing risk of having to close the programs that both communities and policymakers support," noted David Bradley, CEO of the National Community Action Foundation (NCA). "It's crucial not only that Congress reach an agreement to continue funding but that federal infrastructure remain in place so that these dollars actually reach the agency's doors and aren't stuck in Washington, DC."

The aid they provide individuals and families is critical. It has long been bipartisan transcending politics, but it does require funding. They are hopeful they can continue to serve Lowell and more than 70 other cities in towns in Middlesex and Essex counties, just as they have for the past 60 years.

They encourage all to check their website for the latest updates on any program changes. www.commteam.org.

About Community Teamwork

Established in 1965, Community Teamwork is a non-profit Community Action Agency (CAA) serving more than 60,000 individuals and families in the City of Lowell and the seven surrounding towns of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, and Westford. Community Teamwork also serves as a Community Development Corporation and as the Regional Housing Agency for the Merrimack Valley and the rest of the Northeastern Massachusetts, including more than 70 cities and towns inclusive of the North Shore and Cape Ann.

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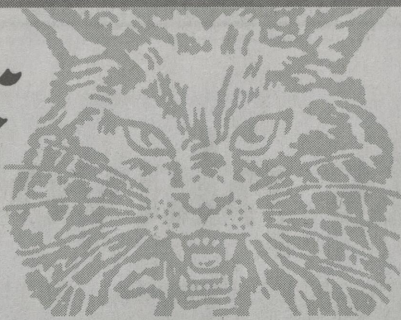


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▲ The Wildcats are pumped before the game as the team approaches senior captain Pat DeLucia.

(Doug Hastings photo)

Wildcats add an exclamation point

*Comeback win sends
Wilmington High football
into playoffs*

By DOUG HASTINGS
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A little adversity doesn't hurt.

Last Friday night in Watertown, the Wilmington High football team fell behind early against the Raiders and even trailed at halftime before scoring the final 19 points of the evening on the way to a 26-10 win at Victory Field.

WHS improved to 6-2 overall with the victory and finished the regular season as the fourth seed in the state's Div. 6 rankings.

The Wildcats open the state playoffs on Friday night at home against Old Rochester Regional of Matapoisett at 7 p.m.

Old Rochester, despite a 3-5 record, is an experienced postseason program.

Wilmington's win over Watertown certainly came with a few anxious moments before the 'Cats righted the ship.

Wilmington fumbled the opening kickoff and the

Raiders recovered at the Wildcat 26-yard line.

The WHS defense responded as senior Gus Lambert and senior Noah Matton stuffed a fourth-and-one from the 17 for a 3-yard loss, but Watertown had the ball back moments later.

This time, Watertown scored on a 45-yard touchdown run. The extra point made it 7-0 with 6:47 to go in the opening quarter.

Wilmington answered with a 79-yard drive that saw the Wildcats chalk up four first downs before a 21-yard touchdown run by junior Julian Martins.

Senior Cam Pereira's extra point tied the score with 3:13 left in the quarter. An 11-yard run by junior quarterback Mark Holleran, a 20-yard carry by Ayden Bellevy, a 13-yard run by senior Colin Allard and 11-yard pickup by Bellevy brought Wilmington to the end zone.

The Raiders took the lead at the end of the half with their best drive of the game.



▲ Ayden Bellevy helped Wilmington beat Watertown on Friday.

(Doug Hastings photo)

Starting at its own 17, Watertown moved 80 yards in 14 plays, helped by an offense against the Wildcats on a fourth-and-two play from the 33-yard line. The Raiders eventually

had a first-and-goal from the 3-yard line before senior Gabe Borges and Bellevy had back-to-back plays on defense to force a Raider field goal. That 21-yard kick put Watertown up 10-7 as the half expired.

The second half was a whole new ballgame.

Wilmington scored on three of its first four possessions and then kneeled

down their final drive inside Watertown's 5-yard line with the final seconds ticking away.

WHS took the lead with a 33-yard drive that ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass to senior Joe Cavanaugh on a fourth-and-12 play from the 13-yard line. The drive started with a perfect onside kick by Allard, that senior Camden

Gray recovered at the 33. An 8-yard run by Lambert on third-and-six helped set up the score.

Although the extra point missed, Wilmington was ahead to stay, 13-10, with 6:39 left in quarter No. 3.

The Wildcat defense then stepped up, forcing two turnovers.

A pass deflection by senior Jacob McCauley set up an interception by Bellevy with 3:25 left in the quarter and Lambert had an interception on the first play of the fourth quarter. Lambert fumbled the ball, but senior Pat DeLucia recovered at the 11-yard line.

Martins then scored on an 11-yard run. The extra point made it 20-10 with 11:38 left in the game.

Watertown's next possession ended with Wilmington's third interception of the half as Bellevy stepped in front of a pass at the Raider 34-yard line.

Three plays later, Wilmington scored again as Martins found the end zone from 12 yards away. A 19-yard run by Bellevy set up the touchdown.

The Wildcats forced a punt with 6:19 to go and could have scored again as Pereira ran for 21 yards and Lambert bulled ahead for 31 yards to the 3-yard line, but the 'Cats took a knee.

◀ Gus Lambert gets some yardage for the Wildcats.

(Doug Hastings photo)



▲ Cam Pereira picks up some yards for WHS.

(Doug Hastings photo)



Wilmington Roundup:

Girls soccer starts playoffs this week

By DOUG HASTINGS
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The Wilmington High girls soccer team opens play in the Div. 3 state tournament on Wednesday.

It's been a memorable fall for the Wildcats, who won the Middlesex League's Freedom Division championship this fall.

Wilmington finished 11-3-4 overall and ended the year with a surge, going 9-0-2 over its last 11 matches.

The Wildcats finished the season with 3-0 victories over Stoneham and Wakefield and a 4-0 triumph against Haverhill.

Wednesday, the 12th — seeded 'Cats, hosted 21st — seeded Scituate. Scituate was 9-7-2 during the regular season.

With a win, Wilmington is likely to face fifth-seeded Hanover in the Round of 16.



Wilmington's Konstantine Chronopoulos, right, gets a step on Burlington's Kamal Zeeshan as he moves the ball up the field during Wednesday's boys soccer game in Wilmington. Burlington won, 1-0.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

GOLFERS EIGHTH

The Wilmington High golf team ended up in eighth place overall at the Div. 3

state finals last week.

Derek Perault had Wilmington's best round, shooting 84.

Wildcats Nate Anderson, Roman Synnott, Isaac Tavares and Derek Perault all were named Middlesex League all-stars.

WHS finished the season with a 4-9-5 overall mark and earned the 29th seed in the Div. 3 state tournament.

Medfield was 13-5 this season and was seeded fourth.

Last year, Wilmington was 0-15-3 and finished 48th in the MIAA power rankings so the 2025 performance was a significant improvement for the Wildcats.

BOYS SOCCER FINISHES UP

Wilmington High's boys soccer team ended the year with an 0-15-3 record, an improvement from last year's 0-18 mark.

The Wildcats ended the year with four competitive games against solid competition, falling to Wakefield and Burlington by 1-0 scores and dropping a 2-0 game in Watertown.

The 'Cats scored nine goals this season and earned ties against Stoneham, Watertown and Burlington.

Wilmington lost six one-goal games and two two-goal games.

VOLLEYBALL KEPT BATTLING

Despite an 0-20 final record, the Wilmington High worked hard throughout the season.

Senior Kaleigh Quinn led the team in kills while Madelyn Oatis and Quinn were the tops in serving aces, Oatis with 12 and Quinn with 11.

Senior Annika Held was tops in blocking.

Sophomore Shanna White led Wilmington in digs while Quinn and sophomore Paola Rodriguez also had solid defensive seasons.

Junior Liz Kulevich and junior Angelina Vo were the top Wildcats in assists.

Top serve returners for Wilmington were Quinn, White, Rodriguez, sophomore Chloe Stryhalaleck and Held.

CROSS COUNTRY SOLID AT INVITATIONAL

The Wilmington High cross-country teams competed at the Frank Mooney Coaches Invitational Meet on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Wrentham.

"We sat out most of the varsity for this meet as they are getting ready for next week's Division 2C State Meet," WHS coach Joe Patrone said. "This was a chance for the junior varsity runners to get their last big race of the season in."

WHS had four runners medal, Tess Sullivan placed 17th in the Sophomore Girls 5K race with a time of 22:37.80.

The Wildcats had two medalists in the Boys Freshman 3K Race, Lucas Madden placed 34th with a time of 11:55.10 and Gabe Cummings placed 39th with a time of 12:01.40.

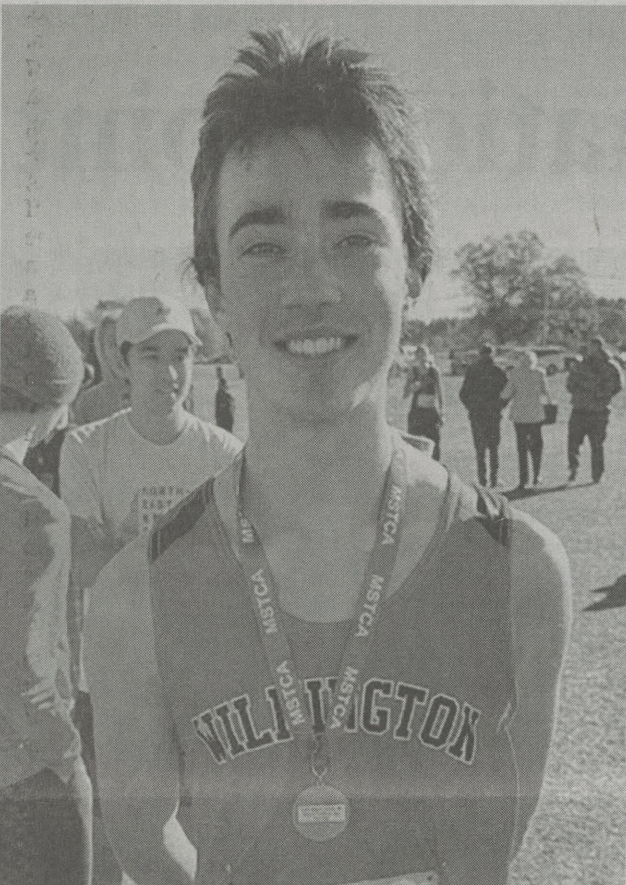
Charlotte Kiley placed 15th in the Junior/Senior Girls 5K Race with a time of 20:35.80.

The next race for the Wildcats will be the Division 2C State Meet on Saturday, Nov. 8 at Northfield Mountain. The boys will be racing at 11 a.m. and the girls will be racing at 12 p.m.

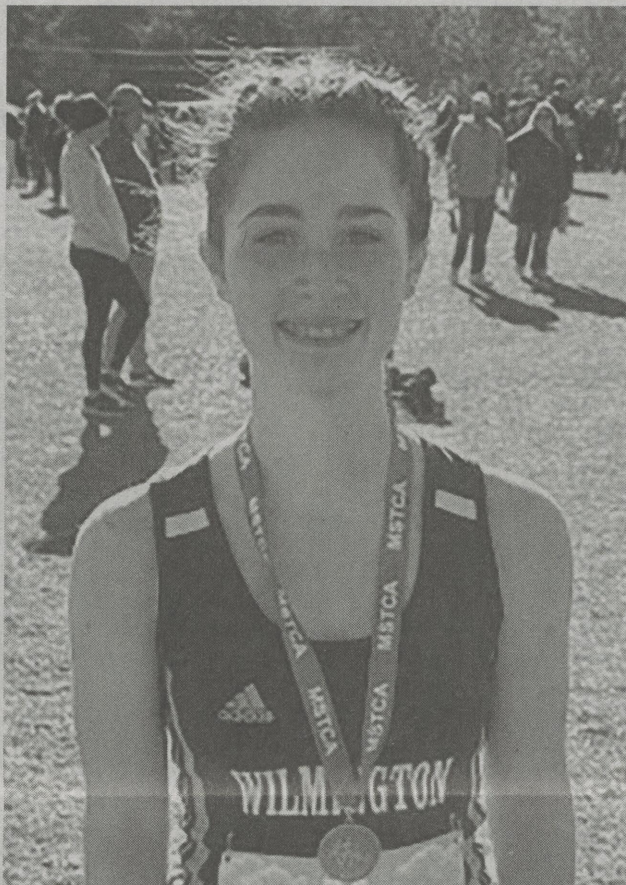
FIELD HOCKEY FALLS

The Wilmington High field hockey team qualified for the state tournament, but ran into a solid Medfield squad in Sunday's first round.

Medfield beat Wilmington, 6-0, ending a promising season for the Wildcats.



▲ GABE CUMMINGS (Courtesy photo)



▲ TESS SULLIVAN (Courtesy photo)



▲ LUCAS MADDEN (Courtesy photo)



▲ CHARLOTTE KILEY (Courtesy photo)

Youth Hockey Roundup:

Wildcats capture districts, advance to state tournament

By RAYMOND MERCURI
Special to the Town Crier

LOWELL November 1, 2025 — The Wilmington Wildcats Midget AAA squad skated to a commanding 13-4 victory over the Tewksbury Redmen on Saturday night at the Janas Rink in Lowell, capturing the District 10 Championship and punching their ticket to the Massachusetts Tier III State Tournament, to be held in Stoneham from November 14-16.

The Wildcats, who have

been a powerhouse at the Midget level in recent years, are now heading to the state tournament for the third consecutive season.

Wilmington's history of excellence runs deep, since 1982, the Wildcats have claimed nine state titles, including three at the Midget level, with their most recent championships coming in 2018 and 2024.

Just two years ago, Wilmington came heartbreakingly close to a title, falling 3-2 to South Boston in the 2023 state final after

leading 2-0. But redemption came in 2024 when the Wildcats stormed through the tournament, defeating Dorchester 6-2 to hoist their ninth state crown.

This year's District Championship matchup started with Tewksbury's Aiden McGuinness breaking the ice, converting on a backdoor feed from Will Andriolo to make it 1-0.

Wilmington wasted no time responding, just 19 seconds later, Captain Justin

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▲ Brendan Cyr, Matthew Fogg, Grayson Lynch, John Raposo, Jaydn Onos celebrating Lynch's goal. (Courtesy of Michael Stroud)

Midget AAA hockey team become champs

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Thibert threaded a cross ice pass to Alternate Captain Derek Perault, who found Quinlin Ward on the doorstep for the equalizer.

Ward quickly returned the favor, forcing a turnover behind the Redmen net and setting up Perault for the go ahead tally. Moments later, Ward struck again, finishing a perfect zone entry by Marc Cataldo off a headman pass from sophomore defenseman Dylan Minasian, giving Wilmington a 3-1 lead.

Thibert extended the lead to 4-1 after another Minasian stretch pass sprung Ward, who fed Thibert for a rocket from the slot. Tewksbury answered briefly, as Brennan Nutile converted after a fortunate bounce off a collision between Ward and referee Paul Cruz, cutting the deficit to 4-2.

The Wildcats responded before the first intermission when Isaac Tavares battled for a puck in the corner and found Roman DiZoglio in the slot for a one timer, sending Wilmington into the break up 5-2.

The second period opened with the Wildcats on full throttle, scoring three quick goals in just over two minutes to blow the game wide open.

At 9:46, Quinlin Ward wheeled through two Tewksbury defenders at the blue line before dropping a pass to SJP Junior Jake Arsenault, who let a low shot fly from the point.

Senior Captain Justin Thibert was waiting on the backdoor and buried the rebound, putting Wilmington ahead 6-2.

Only 18 seconds later, Thibert's relentless forecheck paid off again. He



▲ Wilmington's Bantam team won the championship.

(Courtesy photo)

pressured Tewksbury defenseman Nick Albano into a turnover deep in the Redmen zone, creating a two on one with Ward. From the right faceoff dot, Thibert slid a perfect cross ice feed to Ward, who one timed it past goalie Derek Santos to make it 7-2.

Moments later, the dynamic duo struck again.

Thibert forced another turnover and hit Derek Perault down low before cutting toward the net. Perault quickly returned the pass for a textbook give-and-go play, and Thibert finished it off from in tight for his third goal of the night, giving Wilmington a commanding 8-2 lead.

Alternate Captain Ryan Archer kept the momentum rolling, winning an offensive zone draw back to Nate Anderson, whose shot created a rebound that Ward corralled behind the net. Archer regained possession and fed Thibert in front, who scored again to make it 9-2.

The onslaught continued when Isaac Tavares sneaked in from the point to finish off a crisp feed from

Marc Cataldo, stretching the lead to 10-2.

Tewksbury's Will Andriolo got one back to make it 10-3, but Wilmington answered instantly. Cataldo and Archer connected on a slick give and go play, with Cataldo finishing to make it 11-3.

Tewksbury's Logan Ioanidis later added a goal from Nick Albano and Owen Bourgea to make it 11-4, but the Wildcats closed out the period with Ward sniping his fourth goal of the game from the faceoff circle to push the score to 12-4.

Ward wasn't done with just over two minutes remaining in the third, he buried his fifth goal of the night, capping off a dominant offensive performance.

Goaltenders Evan McLean and Nolan Harrison combined for the win, turning aside numerous Tewksbury chances.

With the win, Wilmington will represent District 10 at the Massachusetts State Tournament in Stoneham on November 14-16, looking to claim their 10th

overall state title and add another chapter to the Wilmington Youth Hockey Wildcats' legacy.

BANTAM 1'S LOSE CLOSE GAME

The Wilmington Wildcat Bantam 1 team faced off in a rematch against the Westwood Wolverines Sunday evening, November 2 at the Burlington Ice Palace.

After defeating Westwood 5-1 in their previous meeting, the Wildcats came up short this time, falling 6-3 in a hard-fought battle.

With the parody round ending after the first 10 games, the teams would get realigned and placed into divisions that are evenly matched. With this ending, the Wildcats released the team captains that were voted on by the players.

Brendan Cyr will wear the "C" and Alternate Captains wearing the "A." Matthew Riley, Zach Stroud, and Evan Jageler

Playing with a shortened roster missing key players Matthew Riley, Mason King, and Brayden Warford, Wilmington called up Bray-

den Doe from the Bantam 2 team to help fill the lineup. The Wildcats rolled out lines of Stella Hardiman, Zach Stroud, and Doe, followed by Matthew Fogg, Grayson Lynch, and Jaydn Onos. Defenders Johnny Raposo, Brendan Cyr, and Mason Desmond anchored the blue line, with Evan Jageler between the pipes.

Westwood opened the scoring at 6:09 of the first period to take an early 1-0 lead.

Wilmington would respond with just ten seconds left in the period when Grayson Lynch took a defensive-zone faceoff, split two defenders, and fed a pass to Brendan Cyr streaking down the left side. Cyr's initial shot was deflected, but Lynch retrieved the rebound, danced past two Wolverines, and set up Cyr again, who buried it short side and low to tie the game 1-1 heading into the first intermission.

In the second period, Lynch continued to drive the offense, fighting the puck up the boards in his own zone. After a feed from Raposo, Lynch weaved

through three defenders and lifted Wilmington to a 2-1 lead. The momentum was short lived, however, as Westwood answered with two quick goals just 27 seconds apart at 3:40 and 3:17, taking a 3-2 advantage after two periods.

The Wolverines struck again early in the third, scoring just 47 seconds in, and added another at 9:37 to extend their lead to 5-2. With time winding down, Wilmington pulled Jageler for the extra attacker, and the strategy paid off when Lynch battled in the corner and backhanded a pass to Cyr, who ripped a slap shot from the top of the circle, top corner short side, cutting the deficit to 5-3.

Westwood sealed the win with an empty net goal late, closing out the 6-3 victory.

Jageler turned aside 24 of the 29 shots he faced in a strong outing despite the scoreline. Wildcats record is at 7-4.

The Wildcats will look to bounce back Friday night when they face Lynnfield/Saugus at 6:10 p.m. at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn.

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram volleyball wins playoff opener

By DOUG HASTINGS
Sports Correspondent
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The Shawsheen Tech volleyball team's season came to an end in the Div. 3 state playoffs with a 3-1 loss to Old Rochester Regional High School.

The Rams won a preliminary round match against Taconic Regional by a 3-1 score on Oct. 30.

Francesca Reardon had another big match for Shawsheen in its victory over Taconic with 13 kills and nine digs.

Paige Martin had 20 digs for the Rams and Isabella DiSalvo also had a terrific defensive effort with 19 digs.

Olivia Quinn chipped in with nine kills 10 digs and Hope DiDonato had a solid performance with six kills and two blocks.

Carly Deacy contributed five blocks.

Shawsheen won by set scores of 25-17, 23-25, 25-19 and 25-17.

FOOTBALL WINS LEAGUE

The Shawsheen Tech football team put the finishing touches on another undefeated regular season and won the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title with a 42-0 thumping of Greater Lowell.

The win completes the fourth straight undefeated regular season for Shawsheen, who hasn't lost since Nov. 17 of 2023.

The Rams led 20-0 after one quarter and 42-0 at halftime before cruising through the second half.

Sophomore Cam Banda had the first two touchdowns on runs of 79 and 15 yards for a 12-0 lead and Jake Banda added a 32-yard touchdown run late in

the first quarter and the 2-point conversion.

Three touchdowns in the second quarter were scored by Quinn Carbone from 2 yards out, Jake Banda from 10 yards and Cam Banda, who scored his third touchdown of the game from 21 yards away.

Andrew Santo had two extra points and quarterback Adam Caruso connected with Cristiano Apoliz for a 2-point conversion before halftime.

Jake Banda has piled up 1,150 yards and 15 touchdowns this season while his brothers, all-star center Eric Banda, and Cam Banda, who also has two kickoff return touchdowns this season.

Senior captain Dylan Pratt remains one of the best in the state with the ball in his hands with four touchdowns while also serving as one of the premier lockdown cornerbacks in the state with three interceptions on a defense that boasts 19 takeaways this season.

Two-time New England wrestling champion James Tildsley once again leads the defense, which is tops in the state for the second year in a row with 5.8 PA/G.

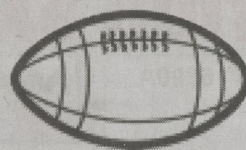
Tildsley makes his 46th varsity start for the Rams on Friday as they face Salem in the first round of the Div. 5 state playoffs.

BOYS SOCCER DROPS FINALE

Shawsheen Tech's boys soccer team dropped its final game of the season on Oct. 20 by a 3-2 score.

Shawsheen goal scorers were Davide Vitale and Morris Lopez with each player also earning an assist.

The Rams finished with a 5-9-2 overall record.



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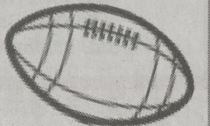
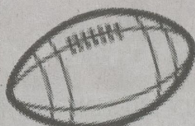
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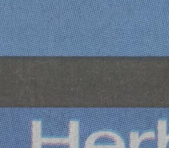
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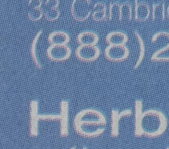
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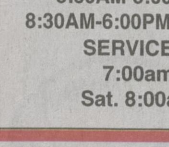
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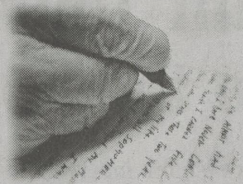
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Preserve the Buzzell School

To the editor,
I am writing as a life-long resident of Wilmington, to urge our community and local decision-makers to take the necessary actions to preserve the historic Buzzell School. This iconic building is more than just brick and mortar — it is a cherished representation of our town's heritage, a testament to generations of students, a cornerstone of our collective identity and a tribute to Dr. David Buzzell for whom the School was named.

For decades, the Buzzell School has served as a place of learning, growth, and community gathering. The school's architectural beauty and historical significance



Letter to the editor

contribute to the unique character of Wilmington, setting our town apart and reminding us of our shared past.

While we understand the pressures of modernization and the challenges of maintaining older buildings, we must consider the value that the Buzzell School brings to our community. Repurposing this historic site for educational, cultural, or public use would not only preserve our heritage but also provide ongoing benefits for future generations.

Other towns across Massachusetts have successfully revitalized their historic school buildings, transforming them into community centers, arts spaces, and muse-

ums. Wilmington can do the same.

I urge you to attend the special Town meeting on Nov. 20, 2025, 7 p.m. at Wilmington High School and voice your support to save this piece of Wilmington's story.

I also want to ask you to learn about Dr. David Buzzell, one of Wilmington's first doctors, and why this building is honored with his name.

Preserving the Buzzell School is not just about saving a building; it is about safeguarding the spirit and history of Wilmington. Let us unite to ensure that this piece of our heritage endures for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Joe Mullens

OBITUARY

Nancy L. (Steenbruggen) Thresher Worked as dedicated nurse at Choate Hospital

Nancy L. (Steenbruggen) Thresher, age 70, of Tewksbury, formerly a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 2, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Nancy was born in Medford, on Aug. 7, 1955. She was the cherished daughter of the late Gerrit J. and Mary Lorraine (Murray) Steenbruggen. Nancy was raised and educated in Reading, where she was part of a large, loving family.

A proud graduate of Reading High School, she went on to earn her degree in nursing from the Burbank School of Nursing at Fitchburg State College.

For many years, Nancy worked as a dedicated nurse at Choate Hospital in Woburn. Known for her kindness and compassion, she cared deeply for her patients and their families.

Nancy embraced learning throughout her life and was always engaged with the evolving field of medicine. After 13 years in the nursing field and her ever growing family, Nancy left nursing and went to work for the family business called First Electric Motor Service for over 30 years so she could be there for her children.

On Oct. 9, 1976, Nancy married her sweetheart, Clement J. "Clem" Thresher. Together they recently celebrated 49 wonderful years of marriage. The couple made their home in Wilmington, settling in their beloved Mozart Avenue neighborhood where they raised their family.

Nancy was a devoted wife and mother who filled her home with love, laughter, and endless support. A "die-hard" Wilmington Wildcat fan, she could always be found on the sidelines cheering on her children and their teams.

Above all, Nancy treasured her role as "Nan." Her grandchildren were the light of her life, she loved to spoil them every chance she got and she never missed a recital, school event, sports game, or special moment.

Her family fondly remembers "Nan's Christmas" at the Thresher home as one of the most magical days of the year, a true reflection of her giving spirit and love for family.

Nancy was incredibly proud of her children and the wonderful adults and parents they had become. She cherished every moment spent together — whether traveling, celebrating holidays, or supporting and visiting her son Brian during his service in the U.S. Navy.

A talented crafter, Nancy created countless handmade gifts for those she loved. She enjoyed traveling, with her Alaskan cruise alongside Clem standing out as a favorite memory.

Nancy will be remembered for her beautiful smile, generous heart, and unwavering love for her family. Her warmth and kindness touched all who knew her, and her legacy of love will live on through those she held dear.

Nancy's love, laughter, and warmth will forever remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Nancy was the beloved wife of Clement J. "Clem" Thresher; devoted mother of Charisse Delorey and her husband John of Tewksbury, Brian Thresher and his wife Tracy of Chesapeake, VA, her late twin daughters Kristy and Kelly Thresher, Jason Thresher and his wife Janelle of Bolton, and Sheri Murphy and her husband Michael of Tewksbury.

Loving "Nan" to Jocelyn, Jordin, Makayla, Jayce, Tristin, Kailyn, Leah, John



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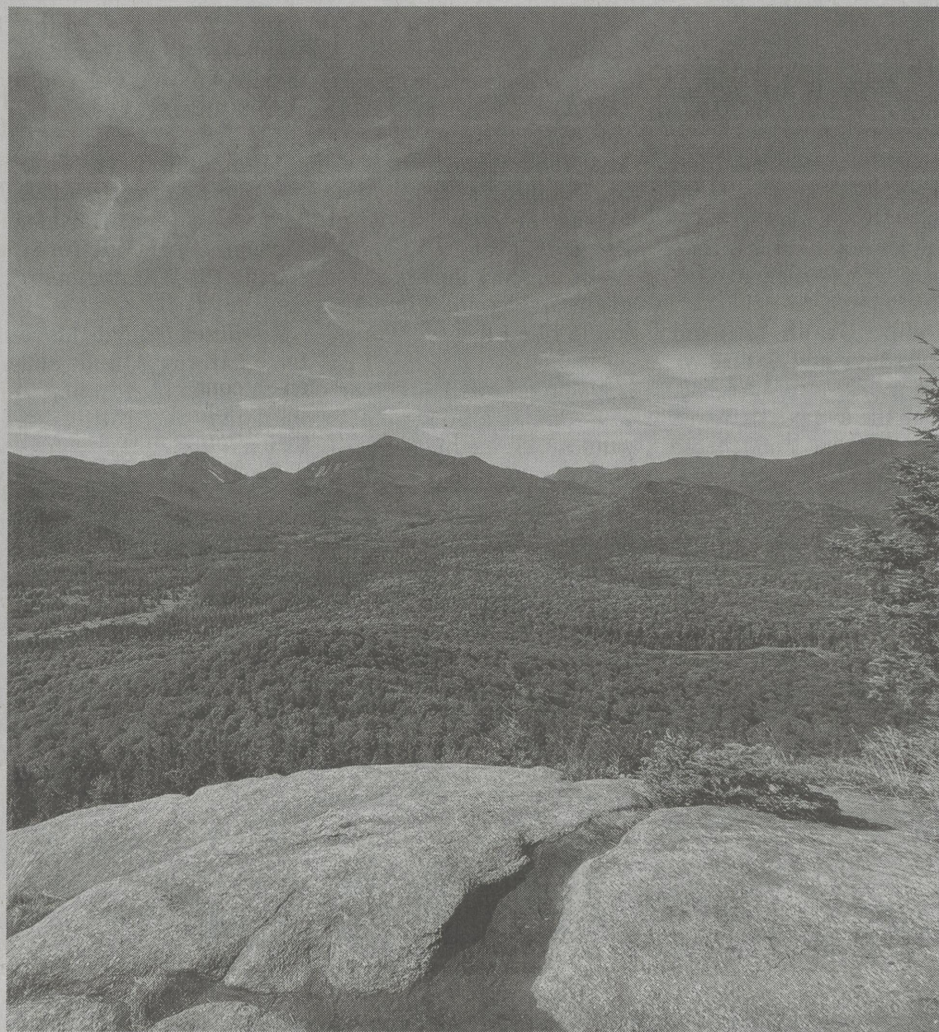
Dear sister of the late Gerrit Steenbruggen, the late Ronnie Steenbruggen and his wife Dianne Steenbruggen of Salem, NH, John Steenbruggen and his wife Carol of Wilmington, the late Richard Steenbruggen and his wife Martha Steenbruggen of North Reading, Kenneth Steenbruggen and his wife Nancy of Norwell, James Steenbruggen and his wife Kristin of Reading, and Patricia Neary and her husband Charles of Reading.

She was also the sister-in-law of the late Alfred Thresher and is survived by many cherished nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends are invited to gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA, on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 – 8 p.m.

Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9188 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com



Lifestyle:

Hiking the adirondacks in New York State

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

New England is fortunate to have exceptional outdoor resources, but if you've exhausted our trail network, our neighbors to the west in Upstate New York have plenty to offer.

The High Peaks wilderness is home to the 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains, providing sweeping views of Upstate New York. Similarly to New Hampshire's 48 4,000 footers, conquering all of the High Peaks is a bucket list item for avid hikers.

Lake Placid is a great base camp for hikers with a charming, peaceful downtown. Lake Placid itself is not accessible to non-boaters, but the scenic Mirror Lake in town is a fine substitute; it's easy to under-

stand how the area got its name. Not a hiker? A paved loop around the lake provides a fine walking trail with plenty of opportunity to admire the beautiful lakeside homes.

Just a few miles outside of town, Heart Lake is a gateway to the High Peaks and offers a range of trail options for all abilities. Mount Jo is a fun day hike for families — a longer, gentler incline trail winds its way around the mountain, and a more direct vertical route provides plenty of opportunity for adventurers to scramble over boulders. Make sure to peek north towards the village of Lake Placid to see the Olympic ski jump complex rising over the valley.

For more nature with a side of Olympic history, head over to the Mt. Van

Hoevenberg complex, which played host to sliding sports — bobsled and luge — at the 1980 Winter Games. Marvel at the winding sled track that covers most of the mountain, then make your own way up to the top.

The Mt. Van Hoevenberg East Trail, opened in 2018 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, is a 4.7-mile round-trip hiking route designed to demonstrate sustainable trail-building practices in the Adirondack High Peaks region. Constructed using hand tools and local materials, the trail features stone staircases, switchbacks and gradual grades that reduce erosion and improve long-term durability.

It was engineered to last over 100 years with minimal maintenance and is

part of the state's Adventure NY initiative, which aims to enhance public access to outdoor recreation while protecting natural resources. The trail rises to a summit elevation of 2,940 feet and offers panoramic views of surrounding peaks.

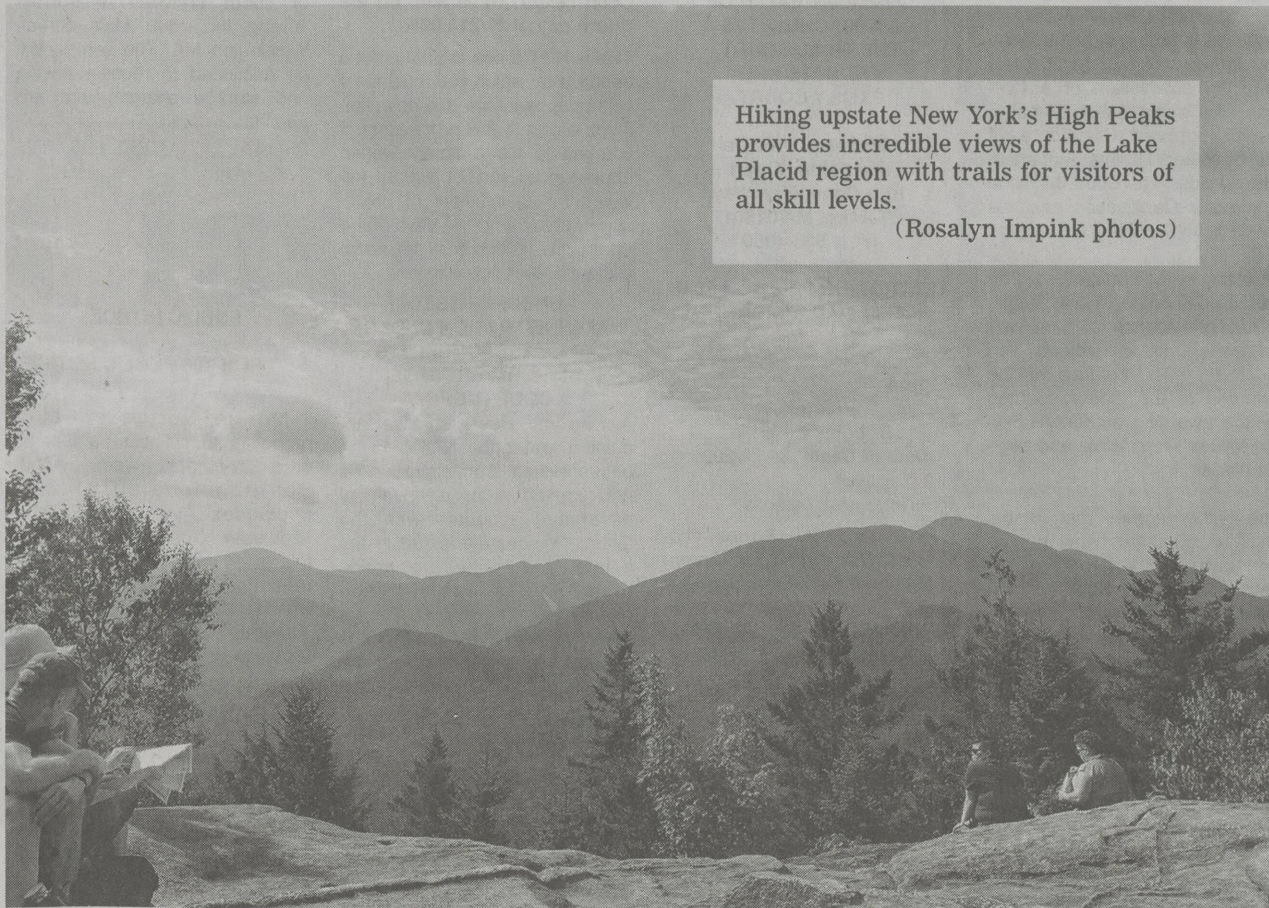
Though covering a great deal of ascent, the gradual nature of the trail makes this climb accessible to all ages, with numerous areas to stop for a rest. As a prototype for future trail development, stewards from across the state come to Mt. Van Hoevenberg to study the design to continue promoting sustainability and accessibility.

Keep an eye out for orange salamanders scampering across the trail!

Don't miss out on the numerous waterfalls that

dot the Adirondacks. These towering cascades are both impressive and serene; some are accessible with just a short walk, while others entail a longer commitment, but all are worth the effort.

Learn more about the hiking the High Peaks and Upstate New York wilderness at www.visitadiron-dacks.com/



Hiking upstate New York's High Peaks provides incredible views of the Lake Placid region with trails for visitors of all skill levels.

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Planning Board reflects on career of Assistant Town Manager Steve Sadwick, former staff liaison to the board

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Planning Board met on Nov. 3, 2025 at town hall. Member Vinny Frattalia was absent.

Chair Steve Johnson opened the meeting with a formal recognition of Assistant Town Manager Steve Sadwick, who is retiring after 24 years of service to the town. Sadwick first joined the municipal team in 2001 as Community Development Director, a role he held until 2016 before being appointed as the town's first assistant town manager. For many years, Sadwick, an AICP certified planner, was a staff liaison to the board.

Board members reflected on Sadwick's tenure with appreciation and candor.

"There probably isn't a

part of the town that doesn't owe him a debt of gratitude," Johnson said, citing Sadwick's involvement in major projects. "He leaves the town much better than he found it in 2001."

Sadwick was praised for his ability to navigate complex stakeholder dynamics. "It's almost like being able to speak four or five different languages at the same time," said Johnson, referencing his work with residents, builders, businesses, and officials. "He could put all those folks in a room and come out with an outcome everyone could live with."

In brief remarks, Sadwick expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

"The reason why I stayed here was because it was so rewarding," he said. "I enjoyed all of the projects I worked on. I enjoyed wor-

king with the Planning Board and other boards in town... and all of the volunteer committees and hours and hours and hours that we spent in evening meetings trying to make the town a better place."

He concluded with well wishes for the town's future: "I only wish the town the best going forward. Thank you again."

Town Planner Alex Lowder reported that the community market will be returning for its indoor winter season once a month from November through February at the senior center. Many summer vendors will be returning, with several new additions — including Girl Scouts selling cookies and a chance to explore the senior center's consignment shop.

The board returned to a discussion on a site plan, special permit, and land

disturbance permit application for 913 East St. The paving business Asphalt Services is seeking to adapt the lot for suitability to host its 20 vehicles that go out to job sites and will be registered in town, as well as office employees on the site.

The applicant withdrew two waivers for parking and pedestrian aisles, having addressed incongruities through design changes, and addressed engineering review comments. A public hearing for the site before the Conservation Commission was scheduled for Nov. 5.

The board voted to approve the remaining waivers and approved the application.

The board returned to a discussion on a site plan review application for 485 Main St, a proposed second story addition to Chez

Pierre salon for residential use. Member Karen Difruschia recused herself from the discussion. The applicant reviewed recent updates, including reducing building area, correcting setbacks, addressing tree removal, and proposing landscaping.

The board agreed to continue the hearing to Jan. 12 to allow time for architectural revisions.

The board discussed the town's master plan update process. Lowder reported limited interest from other boards and committees in engaging with the process. Johnson expressed skepticism, reiterating his feelings that time and effort would be wasted on a document that could quickly be out of date.

Under M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81D, planning boards are required to prepare a master plan that

outlines goals for land use, housing, economic development, and open space.

Lowder also responded to member queries on the status of 17 Lee St., a historic property owned by former Board of Health member Robert Scarano, which is slated to be converted to a bed and breakfast. Lowder explained that there was a discrepancy in the validity of building permits, and the state-level Building Code Appeals Board determined through a hearing that the previously issued permits have now expired, and the applicant is required to seek new building permits.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17, 2025. Watch full meetings online at www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV.

Upcoming local events

November 7, Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy evening of Dancing thru the Decades, Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 Middlesex Ave., 7 - 11 p.m. BYO munchies. Coffee and desserts will be provided. For more info, contact Janet Engrem at jknje@comcast.net or 617.957.2460.

November 8, Texas Hold 'Em at TJ Callahan's to support VFW Post 8164

scholarship and Patriot's Pen Essay. 1 p.m. Capped at 50 players. \$100 each includes buffet lunch.

November 8, Improv Night, Friends of Tewksbury Library, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, \$25 to support library programming. Cash bar,

raffles, outside snacks allowed. Get your ticket at friendstplibrary.org.

November 10, Free online program, Substance Use Disorders with Donna White, 7 p.m. Visit publichealthmuseum.org to register.

Until December 15 - Coat Drive, Tewksbury Health Department, lower level. New or clean, gently used coats will be collected.

Public Health Museum, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 365 East St. on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital. PublicHealthMuseum.org

museum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and

youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read:

REDEVELOPMENT OF FIFTEEN (15) DIRECT PUSH WELLS AT BARROWS WELL-FIELD

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Bids Will be opened in the Office of the Town Manager on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
251173 11/6/25

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS**

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121, Room 9, Glen Road on **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** on the following application:

**CASE # 11-25
21 WESTDALE AVE
MAP 73 PARCEL 29**

**APPLICANT:
STEVEN BALSAVICH**

SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO 6.1.6.4 TO BUILD AN ADDITION CONSISTING OF A NEW KITCHEN, MASTER BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOMS AND AN OFFICE. R20 ZONE WILL BE 10.4 FEET FROM LOT LINE

251151 10/30, 11/6/25



Virtual Public Health Museum program Nov. 10

TEWKSBURY — Join the Public Health Museum for a virtual program on Monday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. with Donna White, former director of addiction services at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Boston.

tuck Hospital in Boston.

White will discuss identifying commonly used and misused substances, understanding the health implications of substance use disorders, and recog-

nizing the importance of therapeutic communication strategies.

This program is free and registration is at publichealthmuseum.org — click on the program icon.



Future news reporters of America

Students at Main Street Learning Academy hosted Paige Impink of the Tewksbury Town Crier for Community Helpers Week. Students learned about the newspaper and the who, what, when, where, and how of writing a news story. Students wrote their own news story about a pumpkin painting event at school. (Courtesy photo)

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

INVITATION FOR BID

WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT WEST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read **Window & Door Replacement Project, West Intermediate School, November 21, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (<http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>). Only after subscribing electronically, Copies (hard) of the documents may be obtained from SOCOTEC AE Consulting, LLC.

Charlestown, MA 02129, 781-273-1537, for a non-refundable fee of \$100, plus \$35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to SOCOTEC AE Consulting, LLC).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the West Intermediate School, 22 Carter Lane, Wilmington, MA on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, § 44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management Approved Certificate of

Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids. Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids. The DCAMM Prime Contractor Certification shall be DOORS AND WINDOWS.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
251177 11/6/25

LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P4006EA
**Estate of:
Douglas E Parker
Date of Death: 04/29/2025**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sandra Cedorchuk of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Sandra Cedorchuk of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/21/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 24, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

251164 11/6/25

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Ray Derderian of 7 King St. in Wilmington MA, 01887 who is the last registered owner of a 2017 Hyundai Sonata Vin# 5N-PE34AF144480913 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 11-23-25 at Forrest Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

251147 10/30, 11/6, 12/25

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC proposes to collocate antennas on a 122-foot-tall (overall height) Building located at 220 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, Middlesex County, MA 01887. Interested parties with comments regarding potential effects on Historic Properties may contact T-Mobile c/o Julia Klima at Dynamic Environmental Associates, Inc., 3850 Lake Street, Suite C, Macon, GA 31204, 877-968-4787, Sec106@DynamicEnvironmental.com within 30 days from the date of this publication. Re: 22510061

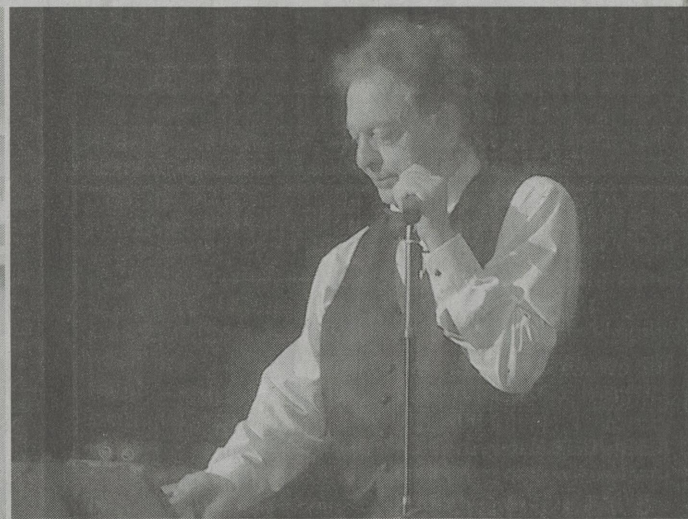
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Lenny Zarcone performs courtesy of The Carter Lecture Fund

The Sarah Carter Lecture Fund hosted Lenny Zarcone at Wilmington Middle School on Friday, Oct. 24. Zarcone was great, and sang a range of songs from his repertoire of Sinatra and friends. The Carter Lecture Fund has been hosting these events for 115 years, and they are excited to continue offering them into the future.

(Courtesy photos)



'The Wilmington Collection' pop-up shop opens this fall

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Fourth of July Committee is proud to announce the opening of The Wilmington Collection, a new pop-up shop debuting this fall at the Committee's Fourth of July Headquarters in Wilmington.

The Wilmington Collection features a wide array of Wilmington-themed apparel, housewares, and gifts — including T-shirts, sweatshirts, blankets, souvenir glasses, magnets, coffee mugs, and much more. The collection is available in both youth and adult sizes, offering something for every hometown fan.

The pop-up shop will be open during select hours, at committee-sponsored events, and by appointment. Hours of operation will be posted on the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee's Facebook page, and private shopping appointments can be scheduled by mes-

saging the committee directly through Facebook or email fofcommittee@gmail.com.

For those unable to visit in person, shipping is available — simply contact the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee to purchase and arrange delivery.

All proceeds from The Wilmington Collection directly benefit the Wilmington "Fun on the Fourth" celebration, helping to fund the fireworks, entertainment, and community events that make the annual celebration such a beloved town tradition.

This is a great opportunity for residents and friends alike to show their Wilmington pride while supporting the event that brings our community together.

For updates, hours, and items for sale, follow the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee on Facebook.



We're One Wilmington Festival of Trees returns

WILMINGTON — We're One Wilmington's (WOW) Festival of Trees returns for its 15th year at Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington! Join us Friday, Dec. 5, from 12 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please note: event hours have been adjusted slightly for 2025, so plan accordingly to make the most of your visit.

This free, family-friendly celebration features a raf-

fle of beautifully decorated holiday trees, wreaths, and gift baskets — a perfect way to kick off the season and reconnect with friends and neighbors. Enjoy live holiday music, a scavenger hunt, and bake sale full of homemade goodies.

Santa Claus will visit on Friday evening from 5 - 8 p.m., so don't forget your camera!

"Each year, the Festival of Trees brings our community together in such a special way," said Becky

McGrath, Festival Director. "The creativity, generosity, and spirit of Wilmington truly shine through in every donation and volunteer."

Raffle winners will be

drawn on Sunday, Dec. 7, between 1-3 p.m., and prizes must be picked up that evening.

Donations Needed!

Their stunning holiday displays are made possible through the generosity of the community. This year, they're aiming for 100-115 donations to fill the hall. No donation is too small — consider contributing as a family, with friends, neighbors, or through your business or organization — many of their donors make it a holiday tradition!

Donations are tax-deductible, and proceeds support WOW's holiday gift program and other community initiatives.

Ribbons will be awarded in categories such as Best Use of Theme, Best Mini/Tabletop Tree, Best Wreath, Most Creative/Unique Tree, Best Alternative Tree, Fan Favorite, Best Wilmington Theme and

Best in Show.

To register your donation, visit <https://onewilmington.org/festival-of-trees/donate/>. Donations must be registered in advance, with drop-off scheduled for Dec. 2-3 at Villanova Hall.

For questions, contact Becky McGrath, Festival of Trees Director, at festivaloftrees@onewilmington.org.

Cub Scout Pack 136, Troop 136 to conduct holiday collections for veterans

WILMINGTON — Cub Scout Pack 136 and Troop 136 will be conducting their annual Christmas/holiday collection for veterans on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Wilmington Mason Hall (Friendship Lodge) 32 Church St., Wilmington.

Residents are welcome to come to the event and drop off new or gently worn clothes, toiletries, and other items to be given to area veterans. They will also have plenty of blank Christmas/holiday cards that residents can sign that will

be given to veterans (and plenty of card material and crayons for young card makers who want to create and design some original cards).

There will also be a collection of new/unwrapped toys which will be given to the USMC Toys for Tots program. Any non-perishable food will be collected for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

The public is invited, and they will have light refreshments. Questions: call Frank West at 978-658-1754

INDEPENDENT WRITING POSITION

Part time writing position available covering local government, feature articles, some evening assignments. Additional writing assignments possible.

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Local non-profits help out during SNAP crisis

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on the DTA website to search by address and confirm which local vendors participate.

In addition to state programs, local organizations are stepping forward to support neighbors in need. The Tewksbury Congregational Church has launched its Good Neighbors Buddy Program, pairing SNAP recipients with donors who can help bridge the gap during the benefit reductions. More information is available at tewksburycc.org/good-neighbors or by emailing goodneighbors@tewksburycc.org.

The Town of Tewksbury has also created a central online resource page at tewksbury-ma.gov/974/Tewksbury-Food-Insecurity-Resources, which lists local pantries, distribution events, and state assistance links. The Tewksbury Police Department is running a food drive through Nov. 15 to help fill the shelves of the Tewksbury Pantry.

Residents in Wilmington have several options for emergency or supplemental food support:

- Wilmington Community Fund Food Pantry —

Details and eligibility at wilmingtoncommunityfund.org/food-pantry.html

- Just Because Box — 71 Marion St. (self-serve community pantry)

- Outside Box at Wilmington Congregational Church — 220 Middlesex Ave. (maintained by Wilmington Kiwanis Club)

- Front Foyer at Wilmington Memorial Library — 175 Middlesex Ave. (donation and pickup site)

- Sushan Farm Stand — 38 Boutwell St.

- Wilmington Animal Food Pantry — for pet food support

For additional assistance:

- Project Bread Food Source Hotline — 1-800-645-8333 (available in 150+ languages)

- Merrimack Valley Food Bank — mvfb.org, with links to a complete pantry list

- Mass.gov SNAP pages — mass.gov/snapfreeze and mass.gov/snapupdates for the latest state announcements

Families with children under five may also qualify for the WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program, which provides formula, healthy foods, and nutrition education.

Local officials note that the effects of the federal



▲ The Tewksbury Community Pantry is getting ready for its Nov. 9 distribution. Residents seeking food assistance should fill out an application and bring it to the pantry, located at 999 Whipple Road on the 9th.

(Paige Impink photo)

shutdown extend beyond SNAP recipients. Furloughed federal workers may apply for unemployment, but others are still required to report to work without pay. For many, this is now the first full week without a paycheck,

leaving families struggling to cover mortgages, tuition, and groceries while waiting for government operations to resume.

As of Monday at noon, the USDA has committed to funding only half of normal SNAP benefits, leav-

ing communities and charitable organizations to fill the remaining gap.

Despite the challenges, Tewksbury and Wilmington continue to show the strength of community support. From faith-based programs to town-led ini-

tiatives, local groups are ensuring that help is available.

"Everyone is doing their part," said one pantry volunteer. "When neighbors take care of neighbors, we all get through tough times together."

iPods to hold more events this month

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lunch of pizza, soda, water, and coffee. The veterans were given electronics such as ear buds, wireless headphones, wired headphones, Bluetooth speakers, and Amazon tablets, as well as magazines, bags, water bottles, flag pins, knitted products, hats, and bracelets. Their major giveaways that day handed out by raffle were a Samsung TV and a soundbar system.

Cardello explained that these were donated by Wilmington sponsors including NAPA Auto Parts and Boston Graphics. Seniors at the Wilmington Senior Center also donated knitted products and bracelets that they created by hand. Cardello thanked all of the businesses and individuals who supported IFWV and helped put the event together.

Cardello said that IFWV was proud to hold the event as they had not held

an event for Tewksbury veterans in three years.

Downey said that their intention was to create a relaxed, social environment for the veterans in attendance, and that they enjoyed good company and felt appreciated through the lunch, company, and giveaways.

"It was a great event that reflected Tewksbury's ongoing appreciation and support for its veterans," she wrote in an email statement. "It's always nice

to see our veterans connect, share stories, and feel recognized for their service."

She also shared appreciation for Cardello and his team at IFWV who made the event possible.

As the holidays approach, IFWV is getting ready to host events in Charlestown on Nov. 9, Andover on Nov. 22, and Salem on Dec. 14 sponsored by Salem Bank. IFWV is in their 14th year of operation.

Trail connects residents to history and helps commemorate nation's birth

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generations who served, and ensuring their legacy is part of how we commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary."

The Veterans Legacy Trail project was formally launched earlier this fall at Battleship Cove in Fall River.

In attendance of this formal launch was Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, along

with Secretary of Veterans Services Jon Santiago, and partners from the Massachusetts legislature.

This year, Veterans Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 11, the perfect time to check out this new website and discover Massachusetts Veterans' great contribution to our nation.

To find out more about the Veterans Legacy Trail, visit www.mass.gov/vetstrail.



FALL SALES EVENT

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LEASE FOR

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